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£2m plan to create jobs for the young

A £2 MILLION scheme that will see more than 500 apprenticeships created across Walsall in the next two years has been backed

by council chiefs.
The Walsall 'The Walsall Works project, which aims to get teenagers and young adults into work, was last week approved by cabinet members and must now get the backing of full council on Thursday, February 23.

The scheme will provide funding for training, with businesses receiving a subsidy from the council to take on apprentices.

take on apprentices.

Regeneration chief Coun-Regeneration chief Councillor Adrian Andrew told the council cabinet: "This is about unlocking the potential of our young people, keeping them in the borough and giving our borough a better and brighter future."

Powers

Council leader Mike Bird urged other councils to follow Walsall's lead.

follow Walsall's lead.
Legal powers to ensure the multi-million pound transformation of the Old Square Shopping Centre can go ahead were also approved last week as cabinet members adopted powers to override any land issues. That is to ensure the project moves forward without any objections.

Jets project out to tender

A CONTRACTOR to install water jets to replace the Walsall Arboretum lido will be appointed next month.

Tenders will go out in the next couple of weeks, and council chiefs say the work will be completed by this summer - despite the £175,000 cash to fund the scheme being pushed back into the budget for 2012-13.

The water jets are to replace the paddling pool, which dates back to 1953. Council chiefs say the lido is worn out and not hygienic.

Willenhall Memorial Park has also had new water fea-tures installed.

DUTCRY LEADS TO ICE RETHI

by Catherine Dalton

BLOXWICH Police Station has won a reprieve in controversial plans to close it overnight, with campaigners hailing the decision a "victory for people power".

West Midlands Police had planned to close the station's front desk overnight from 6pm to 10am in a bid to save money. But following a public outcry in the town, the force is now planning to close it from 10pm to 8am instead.

Campaigners said it was a welcome reprieve but said they would push for the closure hours to be reduced further. Four other Black Country police station inquiry offices are set to shut overnight from 6pm to 10am. The overnight closures are expected to be approved despite public opposition.

In Bloxwich, the move sparked a 4,000 name petition from opponents.

David Winnick, Labour MP for Walsall North, today said: "Of course we do welcome this change in the hours of closure. There has been a very strong representation against this, first and foremost from resi-

this change in the hours of closure. There has been a very strong representation against this, first and foremost from residents, Bloxwich councillors and myself. "The suggestion that Bloxwich station will open until 10pm is some progress and an improvement on what was initially intended. However, I still remain dissatisfied on behalf of my constituents. It is not just a matter of being able to go to the police station during the night, it's the feeling of security of being able to contact Bloxwich Police Station during the night.

Extending

Extending

POLICE are hunting a man who sexually assaulted a woman in Brownhills as she was walking home in the afternoon.

A man approached the woman from behind and forced her to an area near to garages where she was the victim of a serious sexual assault.

Det Insp Scott Griffiths, from the Protection Unit at Bloxwich police station, said: "This was a very serious and nasty attack on a lone woman as she walked home. "We want to hear from anyone who was in the Tamar Close or Hednesford Road area of Brownhills between 4pm and 7pm on Sunday, February 5, and who saw a man fitting the description of this offender.

Patrol

"Thankfully, incidents such as this are Extending
"I would still hope further consideration
can be given to extending the hours there."
Campaigner Councillor Julie Fitzpatrick
added: "We wanted to keep the station open
all the time, that's what the aim was and
people were queuing up to sign the petition.
"But anything is an improvement on
what they were putting forward. If we got it
open more hours then we have achieved
something."
In a report to West Midlands Police

something."

In a report to West Midlands Police Authority, Assistant Chief Constable Sharon Rowe said the changes would allow some officers to return to visible policing. She said the results of the consultation had led to some of the proposals being changed, including at Bloxwich.

Checking out library service



Leading library assistant John Shade with one of the new self-service machines

SELF-SERVICE terminals are being installed in three more Walsall libraries after new technology was introduced at its central library last month.

Brownhills Library will be set up with the

system in the next few weeks, followed by Aldridge and Bloxwich.

In the coming months, self-service terminals will also be introduced at Darlaston, Willenhall and the new Pelsall library.

consider collecting scrap too

SCRAP metal could be collected from homes in Walsall in the same way the council collects rubbish.

In its latest move to regulate the scrap metal industry, the authority is looking at getting a slice of the profits as the value of metal continues to sear. continues to soar.

The idea was mooted by leader of the Liberal Democrats in the borough Ian Shires, who said the money the council makes from the venture could be put back into the communities.

He said: "I have been watching the debate on metal theft develop both at local and national level and, as usual, as soon as government in any form gets involved, we end up with endless bureaucracy. This idea is simple, it keeps bureaucracy to a minimum and could help bring in money for essential services."

Money

Money

He proposed the move to Walsall Council leader Mike Bird, who said he thought it was a "brilliant idea".

The leader said: "If there is nearly in comparing the proposed in the public proposed in the public

The leader said: "If there is money in scrap, then why shouldn't we have some of it? We collect green waste and recycling waste, there's no reason why we can't do the same with scrap metal."

Councillor Bird added that details of the plan will be looked into by officers.

He said: "We see these people drive around Walsall with trucks piled up and totally unsafe. We have to clamp down on this, we are not prepared to sit around any longer."

Councillor Shires added: "If you think about it, it's a

"If you think about it, it's a lucrative business, and we collect all the other stuff."

MP care call

WALSALL South MP Valerie Vaz has called on the Government to cap care costs for the elderly. The Labour MP, a member of the health select committee, said older people were being let down by were being let down b "fragmented" care services

Borough's garden rubbish service returns

"Thankfully, incidents such as this are rare and officers continue to patrol the area to provide reassurance and support." The offender is described as white, aged in his 40s, of medium build, with wavy, mousey coloured hair, 5ft 8in to 6ft tall with stubble. He was wearing a green fisherman's jacket, dark coloured bottoms and black work boots.

sex attacker

THE brown bin collection service is resum-ing across Walsall after being postponed over the last few months. The garden waste service runs every fort-night around the borough to all low-rise compost. Calendars have been sent out.

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Cellars threaten to sink village green project

A VII.LAGE green fiercely protected by campaigners in Walsall is sinking into old cellars, threatening, a planned £90,000 revamp. Residents in the Friends of Chuckery Corner Green group were delighted when the land was

objections to plans to build a youth centre on the site. They then got to work planning a makeover including shrubs, benches and fencing despite being denied lottery cash.

Chuckery Corner Green group were delighted when the land was granted village green status in early 2011.

The move came after 600 residents signed a petition and inundated Walsall Council with use the land for recreation.

Secretary of the group Alan McDevitt said they may have to ask for help from landfill companies such as Biffa as part of their charity work to stop any further damage to the green.

Deteriorating

He explained: "It appears to be deteriorating. It has got worse over the last year and there are pools of standing water which have frozen

over with the snow. We are looking at various things, like some landfill companies are obliged to do landfill for things like this, so we will see if they have any money available to sort out the surface of the green."

The group is refusing to give up on the dream of revamping the whole space. He added that they were also hoping to team up with the Woodlands Trust to plant saplings.

Students in college give feedback to bosses

STUDENTS at Walsall College had the chance to have their say during their annual student conference.

annual student conference.
The event was held in the college's Jerome Restaurant at the Wisemore Campus and was a chance for students to discuss key issues and make changes inside and outside the college.
The theme of the conference was to get students to

ence was to get students to talk about what they can do to improve their learning experience and the services

Course representatives led group discussions about issues relating to their courses and college life, followed by a feedback session to the governors. lowed by a solution to the governors.

Involved

Emma Wilson, students' union president, said: "I we and SU president because I wanted to be more involved in college life and I wanted to get the most out of my years here."

my years here."
Principal and chief executive Jat Sharma said: "We will take the feedback from the conference extremely seriously and students will then remain involved in the forthcoming months as their feedback is used to make the overall student experience at Walsall College even better."

Hall fails to sell at £1.5m

A LISTED hall in Walsall has failed to soll of has failed to sell at auction after bidders refused to meet its reserve of £1.5 million.

The figure for the Grade II-listed Great Barr Hall was set by Van Weenen estate agents – half the price at which it was originally put on the market

on the market.

Despite two bidders going head-to- head at an auction in London last week, they

in London last week, they were only prepared to go up to £1.09m.

Had the deal gone through, buyers would have had no guarantee of obtaining permission from Walsall Council to carry out any restoration work.

Children read on

VOUNGSTERS in Walsall are being encouraged to sign up to a reading scheme. The Bookstart Bear initiative is aimed at youngsters aged under four, and they collect stamps and are given a certificate. Visit www.bookstart.org.uk/bookstart-bear-club for details.

infant brain damaged damaged just days after being born at Walsall Manor Hospital say their nightmare is finally over after bosses admitted liability.

Hospital failure left

Pavilion bid by iunior footballers

Five-year-old Davina
Parmar has severe learning
difficulties, cerebral palsy,
epilepsy and is blind, as well
as needing constant roundthe-clock care.
Her parents, Lal and
Sunita Parmar, of Bilston,
are now in line for a major
compensation payout after
hospital bosses admitted liability at the Hich Court last nospital bosses admitted lia-bility at the High Court last week and issued an apology to Davina and her family. IT engineer Mr Parmar, aged 39, said: "We are so glad this has reached a conclu-sion and now we can give our A JUNIOR football league is almost ready to submit a £38,000 funding bid to revamp a pavilion inDarlas-

ton.
Walsall Junior Youth
Football League, which uses
the pavilion in Kings Hill
Park, wants to spruce it up
with new kitchen facilities, roof and windows.

The league is planning to apply to Sport England for the funds and if they are successful it could also help them to expand and introduce all-girls teams.

Davina was only moments from death at Walsall Manor Hospital in June 2006 when her heart stopped beating just two days after her birth. Her parents, who live in Wrenbury Drive, launched a High Court claim for depreners High Court claim for damages.
Adrian Hopkins QC, who appeared on behalf of Walsall Hospitals NHS Trust, said the trust had accepted it was in breach of its duty in connection with the monitoring of Davina's blood-glucose levels. He expressed the trust's "profound regret". Around 300 teams play in the league.

The young players use the pavilion at the park off Old Park Road on Sundays.

Park Road on Sundays.
Paul Haywood, assistant
secretary of Walsall Junior
Youth Football League, said
around 4,000 youngsters
played in the league but the
pavilion was unsuitable for
its teams to use.
He said: "We have had a
meeting to finalise what we
want are honing to get the

want are hoping to get the application in soon." day of her life.

Negotiations will now take place on the level of the final compensation payout.

Mrs Parmar, 35, who works for Tarmac, said: "We don't trust doctors anymore."

The couple said they were looking to buy a house in the which could be adapted for Davina's needs.

Caravan stolen

A RARE touring caravan has been stolen from a farm in Brownhills. The £14,000 off-white and coffee-coloured Rimor tourer was taken from Sandhills Farm in Lichfield Road, and police said thieves will have towed it or put it on to a truck.

Minding their own business



Amy Howdle (back left), Megan Killian, Bryce Bealey, Megan Massey-Corden, Dean Harris and Megan Davies with the trophy they won for Brownhills School

They were given a scenario of a failing business and asked to set out exactly how

A GROUP of Brownhills students proved their business acumen after beating dozens of other teams to scoop a top award. Seven 14 and 15-year-olds from Brownhills School went up against teams from across Walsall, Wolverhampton, Sandwell and Dudley to test their business know-how.

The challenge was run by the Education Business Partnership in Walsall last month at The Public in West Bromwich.

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found regret".
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Davina, told Mr Justice
Eady that the child was

afforded "totally unsatisfac-tory care" during the first day of her life.

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Sentence on boat theft man

A MAN who stole a boat and trailer then started pulling them through the streets of Aldridge has received a sus-

Aldridge has received a suspended jail term.

James Sibley climbed over a 6ft fence to get into Aldridge Sailing Club and take the large orange take t dinghy.

A member of the public called police after seeing it taken along Barns Lane and member of the public then dumped in Sherwood

Walk.

The 22-year-old of Tamworth Close, Brownhills, was later arrested and appeared at Walsall Magistrates Court last week.

He pleaded guilty to theft of a Jeanneau Rigiflex 360 rescue boat and trailer to the value of £3,500 on January

24.
Sibley was given a 12
weeks' imprisonment, suspended for a year and ordered to do 100 hours unpaid work.
Co-accused Liam Wilcox,

Co-accused Liam Wilcox, aged 21, of Hawthorn Road, Shelfield, Walsall, also admitted a theft charge.

Magistrates adjourned sentencing on Wilcox for reports to be prepared.

Mast action date wait

A HEARING date in Walsall Council's legal action over a telephone mast in Pheasey will be set within months.

Town hall bosses are Town hall bosses are seeking High Court action to force telecommunications giant Vodafone to remove the mast in Waverley Avenue, Pheasey Park Farm.

The council had previ-

ously refused permission Permission

Regeneration chief Adrian Andrew said he expected the court to set a hearing date for proceedings to start soon.

The purpose of the initial "The purpose of the initial hearing will be for the council to ask for the court to give permission for a full hearing on the case," he explained.

Blitz on yobs

A DRIVE to tackle anti-social behaviour in two Wil-lenhall neighbourhoods is planned after councillors spoke to residents about the issues in Sneyd Park and Coppice Farm. Councillor Ian Shires said: "Action plans are being drawn up by all agencies involved."



Amy Taranaski, reptile specialist, with a rescued terrapin

Terrapins survive waste plant ordeal

ending up in a rubbish depot in Aldridge. The creatures were discovered within the space of a week in separate incidents at the Biffa plant.

week in separate incidents at the Biffa plant.
The survival of the first reptile has been described as "nothing short of a miracle" after he actually went through machinery at the household waste management plant in Westgate. The second terrapin was spotted on a conveyor belt just moments before going through the machinery and was saved.

the machinery and was saved.

RSPCA officers said they believed the reptiles had been dumped in the rubbish and condemned the actions as cruel. The first terrapin

TWO terrapins had a narrow escape after suffered a nasty crack and hole in its shell. He the creatures and the animals were rescued. is now at Proteus Reptile Centre, in Catholic Lane, Sedgley, where staff say it is on the road to recovery although it is expected to take some

> Amy Taranaski, centre co-ordinator, said: Amy laranassi, centre co-ordinator, said:
> "It's going to take a while for the shell to repair
> and heal. We are having to keep him in special
> conditions to ensure the shell doesn't become infected.

"It is shocking to think of these animals being dumped in this way – and within a week of each other."

each other." Staff at Biffa called the RSPCA after spotting

Inspector Daniel Cole said: "The first terra-pin sustained a really nasty crack and hole in its shell, but the fact it survived this terrifying ordeal is nothing short of a miracle.

"It is perfectly reasonable for us to presume that the terrapins ended up in the household waste plant machinery because they were dumped in a bin with the trash.

"It's despicable. To dump or abandon any animal in a manner likely to cause suffering is a criminal offence." Anyone who has information on the terra-pins can call the RSPCA on 0300 1234 999.

Babywear factory plan to create up to 80 new jobs

opening of a new babywear factory in Walsall. Businessman Tony Singh aims to open UK Stitch in August.

He hopes to increase the workforce to 150 within two years. Mr Singh said current high demand for UK-made goods was prompting him to open in the town. "I am delighted at the possibility of opening in Walsall,"

ne said.
"We are actively talking about a site and we hope to be open in August, with a lot of workers taken from the local area."

by Catherine Dalton

Worthway

He said UK Stitch would take on 80 workers at first and more in the following years. He is currently looking at a site close to junction 10 of the M6 and said there were some deals already in the pipeline.

It is the latest business to announce the creation of jobs in the borough.

Perfection Foods Ltd will create 70 new jobs with the opening of its new bakery factory this spring.

The company, which is based at Walsall Enterprise Park near junction nine of the M6, will almost triple its workforce under the expansion.

Fifty new jobs will also be created at a new buffet restaurant opening at the site of the former Chicago Rock Cafe, in Lichfield Street.

Fiesta World Buffet and Bar is set to open in March. local area." He said UK Stitch would

ork delay

Herbal clinic to open

A VACANT unit near Walsall town centre will be trans-

A VACANT unit near Walsall town centre will be transformed into a herbal clinic after plans were approved.

The ground floor of the empty unit in Lichfield Street is to be converted and brought back into use, creating three jobs. The unit was previously a restaurant and a day care centre for people with learning difficulties.

The herbal medical service is to operate on an appointment-only basis on the ground floor of the building, with the first floor being used as storage and staff rooms.



Councillor Mohammed Arif and local residents celebrate the installation of the new safety crossing island in Lichfield Road, Rushall, near the junction of Harpur Road

Campaign victory on crossing

TOWNSFOLK and councillors have welcomed the introduction of a safe crossing point for pedestrians on a busy Walsall street.

The improvements were first mooted in July 2010, when residents asked Walsall Council to assess the

Walsail Council to assess the dangers of people crossing Lichfield Road, near its junc-tion with Harpur Road. After surveys by the High-ways Agency on the volume of traffic, the project came to fruition as part of the council's Measures to Encourage Walking programme when it was approved in July 2011.

approved in July 2011.

As well as the pedestrian island which separates the two lanes on Lichfield Road, a bus stop has been moved and kerbs lowered.

Councillor Mohammed

Arif, who campaigned for the improvements, said road safety was paramount to the

sarety was paramount to the local authority.

"We are delighted and welcome the approval of this scheme that will enable our Butts and Hatherton residents to safely cross the busy Lichfield Road," he said.

Lichheld Road," he said.

Harpur Road resident
Tony Broadhurst added:
"The right turning lane into
and exit onto Lichfield Road
to and from Harpur Road
has also improved road
safety for vehicles. We want
to thank Councillors
Mohammed Arif and Imran
Azam."

in brief

Moisturiser thief in spot of bother

A MAN who stole mois-turiser from Morrisons in Walsall town centre was caught at the store a week later, a court heard. Craig Hunt took mois-turisers from the Lichfield

turisers from the Lichfield Street store on December 19 but was seen on CCTV. When the 28 year-old of Queens Road, Rushall, returned on December 26 he was detained.

Hunt was given a 12 month conditional discharge at Walsall Magistrates Court and ordered to pay £30 compensation and £85 costs.

Woman denies stealing at hotel

A FORMER receptionist from Walsall has denied a charge of stealing cash from the hotel where she worked. Sara Morgan, aged 46, of Thetford Way, Delves, appeared at Walsall Mag-istrates' Court last Thursday

appeared at Walsall Mag-istrates' Court last Thursday. She denied stealing £128 from The Park Inn Hotel in Bescot Crescent, Walsall, on December 9 last year. The case was adjourned for a trial on April 10.

Apprentice call goes to salons

goes to salons
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rum.com to submit a nom nation for a 2012 award.

World band gig THE Staffordshire Band

will take fans on a round the world musical journey at an arts centre in Walsall.

at an arts centre in Walsall.
The concert will be held on
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OF PETER RHODES

A 40mph roadworks speed trap on the M5 is nicking drivers at the rate of 17 a day. Very clever, It would be even cleverer if the authorities could tell us how to keep below 40mph on a motorway when all three lanes are full and there's 40tons of juggernaut six feet from your rear bumper with all lights flashing.

A BBC business reporter told us about a company which is big in "aluminum". This is a word used chiefly by Americans who cannot cope with the extra syllable in cluminium.

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WHICH leads naturally on to that favourite British pastime, teasing the Yanks. A reader suggests if you have

pastime, teasing the Yahrs. A reader suggests if you have an idle moment, try telling an American that the Shipping Forecast is that day's cricket results: "North Utsire: Southerly 5 to 7. Moderate or rough. Showers. Good. South Utsire: Southeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6. Moderate or rough. Showers. Good."

Yep, what a great match that was.

THE biggest question about Aba Qatada is not why a judge has ordered his release from Long Lartin high-security prison, nor why BBC staff have been ordered not to call him an extremist.

It is why this man, apparently with a long and well-documented history of inciting hatred and supporting terrorism, has never been brought before a jury.

terrorism, has never been brought before a jury.
I cannot believe that, given 1,000 years of English law
and all the modern laws designed specifically to deal
with terrorism, that no charge can be raised against
what one judge called this "truly dangerous individual."

ANYWAY, if I were Abu Qatada, I think I'd be happier
behind bars than at liberty. There is one thing you can get
on the streets of London that you are most unlikely to get in
Long Larlin. Shot.

Long Lartin. Shot.

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IN THE days since a couple of shrill women forced a douse of Commons bar to withdraw Top Totty ale, sales of the Stafford-brewed beer have shot up.

of the Stafford-brewed beer have shot up.
You know you are living in a sound political system when you can make your point simply by ordering a pint.

A QUESTION to one of Fleet Street's agony aunts touched on what must be a huge problem in this lonely age when so many people have no living relations.

A lady asked what might become of all the photos and knick-knacks she had accumulated in her life, which meant so much to her but had no value to others.

We have a friend who clears houses. You would not believe the priceless family treasures that end up on the tip.

He once showed us the diary of a wealthy family who, in 1907, took a steamship to Japan as tourists. It was a priceless slice of history, now utterly unwanted.

Part of it was positively chilling. On the return journey from Japan, the diary writer suggested that tourism would increase in the 20th century and so the port where the steamships arrived in Japan would become very well-

A place called Hiroshima.

GOOD to see so many of you have an eagle eye on the television subtitles. A lady reports seeing on the news that Ralph Fiennes is "currently working on a new virgin of great expectations".

A READER draws my attention to the £30 fine and £15 victim surcharge imposed a few days ago on a man in Stafford for fishing without a licence. He wonders what the fish will do with all that money.

OUR changing language. A commentator on Bouncers (C4) alleged that the conduct of some door stewards had "irated members of the public".

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in **your Express & Star**

Car park to cater for staff at housing HQ

AN UNDER-used car park in Walsall is to be taken over by staff at the new £6.5 million Walsall Housing Group head office

Council chiefs and housing bosses have struck a deal for up to 60 spaces at Ward Street, a short walk away from the WHG base in Littleton

The permit scheme is expected to ake in more than £20,000 for the

cash-strapped council. Housing staff are in the process of moving into the offices, one of the first stages of the

It comes as 300 staff move into the building, prompting concerns over a lack of parking space in the area.

The council had reduced all day charges to £3 at Ward Street as part of its three month price reduction trial to encourage visitors into the

town. However, initial results showed there had been little impact in filling underused bays. Council chiefs say the permit proposal was advertised and attracted no feedback.

The added: "These are issued at a track of the same control of the sam

Transport chief Councillor Tom Ansell said: "The Ward Street car park, which has 60 spaces, has been virtually empty and you could liter-ally count the number of cars using it

Hair today, gong tomorrow?

He added: "These are issued at a cost of £30 a month – the same rate for our staff and roughly the same rate as the private sector. Overall, this has the potential to generate £22,000 a year if all 60 spaces are used for monthly permits by WHG.

Two care homes to bring 100 new iobs

ABOUT 115 jobs are poised to be created under plans to build two care homes in Dar-

The 60 and 16-bedroom care homes are earmarked for a site at the junction of Joynson Street and Old Park

Road. It is thought the larger the larger home will provide care for the elderly, while the smaller will be used by adults with dementia, learning difficulties and mental health

ties and mental health issues.

The site was put out to tender six or seven years ago. Developer Sarwan Samrai, aged 57, of Sutton Coldfield, said. "The 60 bed unit will create around 100 jobs and we would need another 15 or 20 employees for the 16-bed unit.

"We are excited about the

"We are excited about the plans. It's taken us a long

plans. It's taken us a long time.

"It is thought the majority of staff would live within a three-mile radius of the site which will house both of the two-storey buildings.

A design and access statement submitted to Walsall Council says there are plans to work closely with job centres to develop packages which will allow them to offer positions to people who have been unemployed for some time.

Charity trek to lost city

ADVENTUROUS volunteers are being sought by Acorns Children's Hospice for a trek to Machu Picchu, the lost city of the Incas.
The charity needs people to sign up for the Inca Trail challenge in Peru and raise

to sign up for the Inca Trail challenge in Peru and raise funds to help children with life-threatening illnesses.

The trip will take place between October 5 and 14.

Acorns cares for more than 600 children in its three hospices, in Walsall, Selly Oak, and Worcester.

To take part, call 01564 825000 or send an email to lucy.shepherd@acorns.org. uk

Sleigh success

A SANTA sleigh, which travelled around Darlaston at Christmas-time helped raise more than £1,500. The total more than £1,500. The total was boosted by a street collection at Asda's superstore. Darlaston Rotary Club said the money would go to residential homes, the disabled and young people.

Trading stamps fraud man spared jail term

A FORMER Tesco worker who was found with fake Morrisons saving stamps stashed under the bed at his Walsall home has narrowly

proposals for highway into town

A PERMANENT one-way ystem is among a package of neasures being considered to educe congestion along Valsall's busy Caldmore

The route has suffered more than a decade of prob-lems which have seen parked cars clog up the street running from the town

centre.

Buses have already adopted a one-way system along the road after previously having to mount pavements to get through, putting the safety of pedestrians at risk.

risk.
A report by Walsall Council
said a possible solution is oneway traffic flow – allowing onstreet parking to remain.
However there are fears it
could increase the risk of
speeding.

there were concerns among traders these would impact on business.

He said other possibilities are to swap over the current double yellow line restric-tions from one side of the road to the other.

road to the other.

This could allow the road to be widened by using some of the pavement on the side, opposite to where shops are.

A new car park for shoppers could also be an option to

take cars off the street.

avoided an immediate prison term.
Police found the fake stamps at the home of Saqib Sirfraz, Walsall magistrates were told.

Magistrate Mary Blake-more told the 30-year-old he was a "very lucky man" for avoiding jail. Miss Kelly Hale, prosecut-

Miss Kelly Hale, prosecuting, said police searched his home on July 5.

"They found £12,000 worth of fraudulent Morrisons saver stamps. When interviewed after being arrested, he did say he'd bought them from an unidentifiable Iraqi male for £150 and his intention was to make a profit."

£150 and his intention was to make a profit."
Sirfraz, of Prince Street, Walsall, originally denied possessing an article for use in fraud. He was found guilty last month.
In mitigation, the court heard there were doubts as to the actual value of the stamps.

stamps

Intention

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Mr Ifran Mohammed, in mitigation, said: "Mr Sirfraz was found guilty on the basis he was in possession of counterfeit stamps, but there was no evidence to suggest he was going to sell them.

Mr Mohammed said Sirfraz realised they were fake and stashed them under his bed for about four months with no intention to

months with no intention to use them. He said the crimi-nal proceedings led to him leaving Tesco, and he had gone on to set up his own courier business

courier business.

Magistrates gave Sirfraz
six weeks in prison suspended for 12 months. He
must also do 200 hours of
work and pay £500 costs.

Mrs Blakemore said:
"You've come within an inch
of going into custody today.
You're a very lucky man."

Stylist Laura Terry, of Walsall, at Francesco, in Darlington Street, Wolverhampton Stylist Laura Terry, of Walsall, at Francess A TALENTED hairstylist from Walsall is sharpening her scissors for London Fashion Week next month after triumphing over scores of other hopefuls to land one of just six places in the Sebastion Cult Team.

The group travels the country transforming the hair of models at major fashion shows and VIP events.

Colouring

Now

place with a long, gothic hairstyle using grey colouring. The 24-year-old from Bloxwich will undergo more training later this month before heading off to London Fashion Week.

The former Shelfield Community Academy pupil said: "I was chuffed to bits when I found out I'd won a place on the team."

Laura Terry, who has worked at Francesco, in Darlington Street, Wolverhampton, for five years, earned her coverted training at Walsall College.

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Council's blitz on dog mess

A CRACKDOWN on dog

A CRACKDOWN on dog fouling in hotspot areas in Walsall is being launched. Posters have been distributed to premises across Walsall bearing the antifouling message, while 4,000 leaflets have also been drawn up and are set to go through letterboxes in problem areas. Vet clinics, boarding

problem areas.

Vet clinics, boarding kennels, pet shops, council parks and leisure centres have all been given the posters to display.

posters to display.
Social housing landlords
have also been promoting
the message, while thousands of schoolchildren have
been given letters about dog
fouling and its dangers.
A report to Walsall

A report to Walsall Council's environment com-mittee said: "This report should reassure members should reassure members that the anti-fouling message has been distributed through a great many channels in the last 12 months."

Stencils are also being used to create no fouling messages on footpaths.

A working group was set up to look into tackling dog mess after a poll revealed 41 per cent of people were very concerned about it.

L-driver 1mg above limit

A PROVISIONAL driver A PROVISIONAL driver who admitted being 1mg over the drink-drive limit in Walsall has been banned for 12 months.

Jatinder Singh Khokhar, aged 26, of The Pines, Highgate, gave a sample of 81mg of alcohol in 100 ml of blood after being stopped by police

after being stopped by police in The Crescent, Walsall.

He also admitted driving a

He also admitted driving a vehicle otherwise than in accordance with his licence. The passenger supervis-ing Khokhar also failed a drink-drive test, Walsall magistrates were told last week

Khokhar was fined £100, with £85 costs and £15 victim surcharge.

Coaching course

BUDDING football coaches can qualify for an FA level one certificate at a Willen-hall school.

The E-ACT Academy, in

The E-ACT Academy, in Furzebank Way, has teamed up with the Birmingham FA for training on February 23, 24 and 25 and on March 1, 2 and 3. Candidates must be at least 16. Email aderrer (@willenhall-eactacademy, org.uk or calll 01902 365133.



The duke meets Breast Feeding Leader Caroline Mansell and her eight month old daughter Nancy Galt at the Manor

Duke takes a healthy interest

HEALTH officials in Walsall have welcomed the royal seal of approval for their new-look multi-million-

pound hospital and hospice.
Prince Richard, the Duke of Gloucester, was shown around the Manor Hospital and St Giles Walsall Hospice last week.

Hospital chief executive Richard Kirby said: "It is a real honour to welcome HRH Duke of Gloucester to Walsall and for us to have such a special guest to officially open what

well as invited guests were on hand to

meet the duke, a trained architect
Peter Holliday, chief executive of St
Giles Walsall Hospice, said: "The visit
of his His Royal Highness to St Giles Walsall Hospice will be remembered as one of the most prestigious occa-sions in the history of this much-

valued hospice."

The duke, 20th in line to the

Manor Hospital's £170 million redevelopment and the £5.5m St Giles Walsall Hospice, which opened last April in Goscote Lane, Goscote.

He also opened a £3.5m inpatient unit and day centre at Compton Hospice, Wolverhampton.

About 200 people braved Arctic weather to watch the royal visitor unveil a commemorative plaque in the gardens of the hospice in Compton Road West.

in brief

£75,000 spent on centre's revamp

WORK is under way on a £75,000 scheme at a community centre in Walsall to make it more accessible for disabled visitors.

New ramps are being created at Pheasey Park Farm Community Centre, while the existing kitchen is being made wheelchair -accessible.

Regeneration chief Councillor Adrian Andrew said: "One of the most exciting parts of the works is we are able to provide the borough's first Chang-ing Places facilities."

Drop-in sessions to gain support

RESIDENTS in Rushall can attend drop-in ses-sions to see a community worker to talk about various issues. Drop-in surgeries are being held every Tuesday from 8am to 12.30pm at Rushall Medical Centre. Although she is a com-

Although she is a community social worker, Emma Harper receives referrals from GPs and referrals from GPs and district nurses as part of her role, and she can offer a range of support and information on a host of topics not necessarily con-nected to social care.

Vacant shop can become takeaway

PLANS to transform a vacant shop in Walsall into a takeaway have had the go-ahead.

Permission to set up a hot food takeaway in Bloxwich Road, near the junction with Essex Street, was granted by council was granted by council planners. The scheme is expected to create five jobs

A petition containing 298 signatures, and almost 400 letters of support, were sent to the authority.

Ideas wanted for birth unit names

SUGGESTIONS of a name for a new mid-wifery-led birthing unit in Walsall can still be made. Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust is opening the birthing unit in sping

hirthing unit in spring near Walsall Manor Hos-pital. Ideas can be sent to louise. key@walsall-healthcare.nhs.uk or by letter to Walsall Manor Hospital.

Patrols increased

WALSALL Police have stepped up patrols in Palfrey following reports of anti-social behaviour in Clews Close. They say groups have been causing a nuisance outside the communal doors.

Council blitz on illegal car washes across the borough

FOUR illegal car washes in Walsall have been closed down and eight more remain under investigation as part of a crackdown on unauthorised businesses.

Generosity of tenants aids hospice

RESIDENTS at a community-led housing organisa-tion in Bloxwich have raised £1,000 for St Giles Walsall Hospice after a year of

fundraising. Ladies from the Sandbank Tenant Management Organisation meet every week in their community room located in one of their blocks of flats to organise and host a variety of events to raise money for the

hospice.
Raffles, tombolas and bingo nights have all been held over the past few over the past few months

Thrilled

Group organisers Patricia Edwards and Pauline Walker said they were "overwater said they were over-whelmed" by the generosity being shown by the resi-dents of the town. Sharon White, commu-

nity fundraiser for St Giles ntty fundraiser for St Giles Walsall Hospice, in Goscote Lane, Goscote, said: "We are delighted to be chosen as the charity which Sandbank Tenant Management Org-anisation has decided to

Many have been set up on

Many have been set up on vacant pub car parks or petrol forecourts.

Sites in High Street, Moxley; in Wolverhampton Road West, Bentley; at Ida Road, Pleck; and Midland Road, Darlaston, have been closed down in the last year.

Walsall Council has insisted it is continuing to target illegal hand washers. It comes after the problem

It comes after the problem spiralled in 2009 when around 25 were under review throughout the borough. However, those which are considered appropriate are granted approval.

Head of planning David

Head of planning David Elsworthy said: "The council is continuing to pursue unauthorised car washes."

wasnes."

In the last 12 months four unauthorised car washes have been closed and enforcement notices have been served on the unauthorised are worker at Solton. rised car washes at Salters Road, Walsall Wood and the Three Crowns Public House, Sutton Road on Pheasey Park Farm.

Sutton Roda on Frieasey
Park Farm.

"The previously unauthorised car washes at High
Street, Bloxwich, and
Brownhills Business Park,
Lindon Road, have been
granted planning permission. Temporary planning
permission has been granted
at Bournevale Motors, Lichfield Road, Shelfield, and
Spout Lane, Caldmore, 'said
Mr Elsworthy. "Following a
further planning refusal at
High Street, Brownhills,
and continued operation of
the car wash, the prosecution process has commenced."

Pupils' books a treasure trove for life



Taking a look at their Treasure Chest book boxes are Phinneas Davy and twins Scarlett and Elsie Robinson

ΓODDLERS at a Walsall nursery have

TODDLERS at a Walsall nursery have been given a treasure trove of treats to spur them into reading.

Nursery pupils at Meadow View School, in Frampton Way, Pheasey, were given treasure chest boxes with an array of items to foster a love of the written word.

The presents ranged from reading books to drawing and colouring exercises and new pencils and crayons.

Deputy headteacher Judith Harris said she hoped hoped the treasure chests would be something the children would hold dear.

dren would hold dear.
"We want all of our children to enjoy
the reading, and the books come in
such a nice presentation box that,
hopefully, they will keep and treasure
them as well and enjoy them."
The school has two nursery classes
for three years-olds and accepts chil-

dren from Walsall, Pheasey and Great Barr as well as Kingstanding and Oscott in north Birmingham.

Mrs Harris added: "They have been so excited to receive the treasure chest boxes and the advantages are children will take them home with their parents so some of their learning continues at home as well as they learn to love reading."

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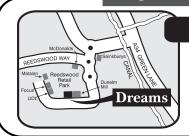


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Struggling HomeServe to shed call centre staff

Flying fish at museum



Sue Vaughan prepares for half-term activities at the leather museum

VISITORS to Walsall Leather Museum can craft their own mementos as part of a host of half term activities on offer this week.

Activities are aimed at youngsters aged five to 12 and will run until tomorrow (Friday).

Francesca Cox, assistant curator,

axing around 200 jobs at its Walsall call centre in the wake of problems that have cost it £20

The firm stopped sales calls and started retraining staff in October after an internal investigation raised fears its policies could be mis-sold.

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HomeServe restarted taking sales calls and launched its direct mail campaign in January but it has still been unable to restart outgoing sales calls. This has hit customer numbers and, before Christmas, HomeServe announced it would close its main customer complaints department and transfer the work to a specialist firm.

Anticipated

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In a statement last Wednesday, the company, which employs more than 1,500 at its headquarters and call centre operation in Green Lane, Walsall, said it had started consultation with staff about cutting its UK workforce by 200.

It also revealed the cost of the problems, with redundancies and reorganisation, would now hit £20 million this year – twice as much as first thought.

Chief executive Richard Harpin said around 150 staff were going from the outbound call centre, leaving 100 remaining.

In a trading update, HomeServe said: "In the UK we are making progress in reinvig-

the UK we are making progress in reinvig-orating our customer focus and restarting marketing activity, but this is taking longer than anticipated

It expects customer numbers to be down around eight per cent.

Poppy appeal success

THE 2011 Poppy Appeal collection by Short Heath Royal British Legion raised £14,639.61. Frank Greenwood, for the branch committee, said members wished to thank the public and schools, factories, shops, supermarkets, clubs and pubs for their usual generous support, and also Mrs Debbie Harrison, the Poppy Day organiser.

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dland TV pair dubbed football's Ant and Dec

new Ant and Dec of children's television after their show Goalmouth became a big hit amongst young sports fans.

amongst young sports fans.
But best friends from the Midlands
Tim Warwood, aged 32, and Adam
Gendle, 30, are still getting used to
their new fame as the pilot programme
– Disney XD's answer to Match of the
Day – starts its second series.
Tim, who grew up in Aldridge, joked:
"We are like the poor man's Ant and
Dee – but slightly better looking. Obviously we know there are people watching Goalmouth, but when you get kids
recognising you it's a bit weird."
Adam, from Tamworth, said he once
opened his door to a gaggle of school
boys who had come to see if it was
really him.

He said: "One of them said 'See, I told you it was him'. Apparently no one believed him at school."

Former Cooper & Jordan School pupil Tim, who now lives in London,

Tim Warwood, left, and Adam Gendle on Disney XD's Goalmouth met Adam 15 years ago as they snow-boarded at Tamworth Snowdome. for more than a decade, and the pair formed production company Lock-Tim became UK champion at age of down Projects in 2004

20, but a back condition put paid to further snowboarding hopes. Six episodes of Goalmouth season two will air on Thursdays at 5pm from February 23 on Disney XD. 20, but a back condition put paid to

Guilty of roles in 'assassination

A MAN and woman have been found guilty of the "cowardly and callous" murder of a 22-year-old from the Black

Barrington Denny had already pleaded guilty to pulling the trigger on the shotgun that killed Ricky Basra at

Close range.

Gary Narwain from Walsall and Birmingham mother Sarah Singh denied the charge but were on Friday

Calthorpe Road, Park Hall, was involved in the planning of the murder and later assisted with the disposal of important evidence.

Mr Basra, from Bilston, was blasted in the chest during a "deliberate and planned assassination" in what was possibly a "turf war" killing over who controlled drug dealing in an area of Birmingham.

Petrol

DS Rob Bastin from Force CID said: "This cowardly and callous attack has and a lasting effect on Ricky's family and friends and my thoughts and synthys go out to them. "Thope this verdict gives those close to Ricky some comfort." Or Robravan, Sight, of Colville Road, Sparkbrook, and 23-year-old Denny, of Grantham Road, Sparkbrook, will all be sentenced at the city's crown court on February 20.

Petrol

denied the charge but were on Friday convicted by a jury at Birmingham Crown Court.

The court heard how 31-year-old Singh lured Mr Basra to Melville Road, Edgbaston, where he was shot dead on June 21 2011.

Meanwhile, 21-year-old Narwain, of

be sentenced at the city's crown court on February 20.
Following last week's verdict, Mr Basra's mother Ranjit Kaur said: "Ricky was my loving, precious son and a good brother to Ravi. "Nothing can bring Ricky back to "Is."





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Bouncer ordered to pay £1,300 over fly-tipping



Rubbish dumped by Paul Ensor at Trysul

Wedge steps in with Ith-hour contract

A GALVANIZING firm in Willenhall is playing its part in a major oil exploration project tapping into vast underwater reserves off the west coast of Africa.

Willenhall-based B.E.Wedge, part of Wedge Group Galvanizing, galvanized almost a ton and a half of steel for the project. It will be used to create a number of pipe flanges that will connect pipelines carrying oil as part of fuel giant BP's scheme in waters just off Angola.

The 19 flanges seeh wairshing around 253lb (115kg) were

BF's scheme in waters just off Āngola.

The 12 flanges, each weighing around 253lb (115kg) were produced by HPF Energy Services, who stepped in at late notice to help out.

Andy Brazier, of HPF Energy Services, said: "Due to the time pressures involved, we required the flanges to be galvanized in a very prompt manner and B.E. Wedge performed the task extremely well."

dumped bin bags overflowing with refuse in a lane has been hit with a bill of more than £1,300. Rubbish dumped by Paul Ensor was traced back to him through his work, a court was told.

The 23-year-old, of Gomer Street, Willenhall, was fined admitted fly-tipping and was fined £500 with £800 costs and £15 victim surcharge.

Miriam Petch, prosecut-ing on behalf of South Staffordshire Council, at

Staffordshire Council, at Stafford Magistrates Court, said officers had received a call after rubbish was found in Woodford Lane, Trysull, near Wombourne, on June 13, 2011. Sifting through it, they found items addressed to Alchemy, in North Street, Wolverhampton. Officers contacted the bar manager and were told that Ensor had been asked to remove the rubbish following a fire the rubbish following a fire

the rubbish following a fire inspection. South Staffs Councillor Roger Lees, cabinet member for public health protection services, said afterwards: "Dumping rubbish in a country lane isn't fair to the people who live there and to the taxpayers whose money has to go on cleaning this stuff up."

Over-60s' party

RESIDENTS aged over 60 are invited to a cabaret party at Pelsall Labour Club, this Saturday at 1pm. Tickets to Pelsall Pride Partnership seniors' party are available from 01922 682140.

Delight as care home

CARERS at Walsall's newest specialist home have been showing off its facilities to professionals ahead of its official opening.

otticial opening.
Deputy mayor Councillor
Graham Wilkes, the Rev
John Davies, of Coalpool
Methodist Church, care
workers and councillors
were given a tour of Harden
Hall.
A specially-commissional

Hall.

A specially-commissioned sculpture was unveiled at the care home in Coalpool Lane which provides residential and dementia care for 54 older people.

It is operated by Ideal Care Homes and has ensuite rooms, sensory gardens and a hairdressers salon.

After touring the home, Councillor Wilkes said: "This is a lovely facility and just what the community

just what the community needed. I only live up the road, so I will pop in for a

road, so I will pop in for a cuppa regularly.
Lay worker Linda Brown said: "We are very much looking forward to welcoming the home into the local community."

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'Scrounger' video is an

became an internet sensation. Mother-of-three Gill Jordan stars in a video which has gone viral on the net.

The four-minute mockumentary about a benefits cheat diagnosed with "lazy cow" syndrome notched more than 120,000 hits on YouTube in just a fortnight.

Doreen claims every benefit she can, but says she gets tired opening the envelopes and taking the cheques out. Her affliction is described in a one-to-one camera piece in Doreen's Story.

Theatre company owner Mrs Jordan, aged 43, said: "For me, I was just playing a part – that's what I do."

The sketch was written for her by friend David Tristram, author of the Inspector Drake plays.

Mrs Jordan, who runs the Sundial Theatre company which works with the Ironbridge Gorge Museum, in Telford, said: "It's all happened so fast." **Legion gift** of £1,000 for church

THE president of the Aldridge branch of the Royal British Legion says members were happy to support a church targeted by metal thieves. The branch donated £1,000 to St Margaret's, in Chapel Lane, Great Barr, so it can buy two granite memorial plaques to replace two cast iron ones that were stolen last year.

Branch president David Partridge said: "One of the main objects of the Royal British Legion is to see that memorials to the dead are looked after. "Aldridge has taken over

looked after.
"Aldridge has taken over the area of the Great Barr church and has made a dona-tion of £1,000."

One plaque commemo-rates 12 soldiers from the parish killed in the First World War and the other plaque 38 soldiers killed in the Second World War.



Gill Jordan and David Tristram, the duo behind YouTube internet sensation Doreen's Story

NSPCC show returns to the good old days

THE Walsall group of fund-raisers for the NSPCC as staging an Old Time Music Hall in Aldridge on March 3 to commemorate 125 years of NSPCC work in the area.

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A SINGER-songwriter from Walsall will be taking part in the regional finals of the Live and Unsigned talent quest at the NEC on March 24. Matt Anderson, aged 22, from Bentley, impressed the judges at the audition stage.

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Jail for car boot couple who sold stolen goods



Some of the stolen items that were sold by the Phillips at car boot sales



The Phillips' house in Whateley Road where the deals were done

have begun 15-month jail terms for a "sophisticated enterprise" buying stolen goods at their door to sell on at car boot sales.

Rocardor Alon Parker told the neir lest

Recorder Alan Parker told the pair last

Recorder Alan Parker told the pair last week the stash was only a "snapshot" of what would have been sold over a period of almost two years.

Brian Phillips also claimed sickness benefits during the period and the couple enjoyed holidays, including one to Majorca costing more than £2,600.

Mrs Sati Ruck, prosecuting, said many of the stolen goods seized still had price tags attached, and a laptop was discovered that had been stolen only days before.

Converting

Converting

The couple accepted they had bought items from people who came to their home in Whateley Road, Coalpool, and sold them on at car bot sales as often as three times a week.

She said: "Sharon Phillips accepted the items were purchased from people she presumed were drug addicts."

Brian Phillips, 49, and his 47-year-old wife admitted converting criminal property and possessing crimina

between March 2009 and January last year.

In mitigation, Mr Patrick Currie said the couple had "turned a blind eye" to where the goods came.

Sentencing them, Mr Parker said: "It is clear that you were probably the first point of call for any thief or burglar around the neighbourhood who wanted to offload stolen goods."

He told them it was a "sophisticated enterprise" and handed them each a 15-month prison sentence.



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We shan't surrender green belt

THE proposals by Walsall Council and WHG to include building houses on The Lea as part of regeneration for the Goscote and Harden wards will rob the residents that overlook The Lea of their green belt.

There is overwhelming condemna-tion of this proposal.

A petition was circulated around Hardy Road with a 90 per cent rejection and also around Beresford Road with a 100 per cent rejection to building on The Lea.

At a public meeting on February 1, 90 per cent of those present rejected the

proposal to build on The Lea. Council-lors and WHG officials were present to witness the dissatisfaction. funds for development of green belt, then let's have some spent on The Lea with a secure play area, pathways and

LETTERS

witness the dissatisfaction.

It was apparent that the council and WHG have a closed mind on this issue and, irrespective of local residents' views, aim to press on with their prosals. So much for democracy.

The proposals are to transfer our green belt – The Lea – to the benefit of 5 new "executive" houses on the old brown belt Goscote estate which are to verlook fully landscaped areas.

We have no objections to the regeneration of brown belt and, as there are

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Let our hospice keep its peace and quiet

I ATTENDED a meeting on February 1 regarding the proposal by Walsall MBC and WHG to acquire green belt at The Lea, on Goscote Lane, to regenerate the area. If they want to regenerate the numerous brownfield sites in the area that is their choice, but they should not be allowed to claim virgin green belt and swap with brownfield sites with no wildlife and physical attraction.

I have lived near The Lea all my life and it is the only open space in the area. It is unbelievable that the council has power to take it and offer a fly-tipping site as an alternative. The proposal is to give the public land to property developers free, gratis, buckshee, to build houses for sale.

St Giles Hospice is opposite this proposed development and having waited decades for such a facility in Walsall it is untenable that the peace and tranquillity enjoyed there should be disturbed and disrupted by this proposal. End-of-life patients deserve to keep what they have now and to lose this to make a profit for property developers is obscene.

All Walsall residents should be fighting this proposal alongside the local residents as no-one knows when they will need the excellent facilities provided by St Giles.

The political parties in Walsall need to express their views on this matter before the May elections.

CHRISTINE STATHAM

Goscote born and bred

Goscote born and bred

Hands off our Ring and Ride

IT IS again the season for IT IS again the season for bashing our Ring & Ride. Centro, it seems, would like to take over or finish it.

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I am 71 and pay taxes both to council and government and now pay 60 per journey.

and now pay 60p per journey (£1.20 there and back).

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Action at last

AFTER years of complaints

AFTER years of complaints it seems some action has been put in place regarding drivers turning right from High Street into Victoria Avenue, Bloxwich.
When I raised the matter a year or two ago I was told a sign prohibiting entry to the avenue from the right could not be put in a more prominent position!

AM WALL
Victoria Avenue

Victoria Avenue Bloxwich

yet more car parks

WITH many of Walsall Council's existing car park spaces not being utilised at present, it's astonishing that the council's strategy to combat this is to build another car park.

Apparently, some of the town's existing car parks are underused and it's no wonder when we have a Tesco store in town that offers 750 free spaces.

Why would anybody want to pay exorbitant charges in council-run car parks when you can park at the superstore for nothing, or dare I say it, drive to Merry Hill instead?

Walsall has car parks;

instead?
Walsall has car parks; there are many, but if I want to go into town I am put off by the cost of parking. It's no wonder, with costly parking, that so many shops are shut, making the town appear run-down and neglected.

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KK has gone a fair way from his Yew Tree roots

"Ol, dude, whatcha doin'?" The voice is above me, booming from an open first-floor window. "Can I'elp ya?"

I look up and see KK Downing, multi-millionaire former Black Country rocker turned Shropshire Country Squire. "I'm here for an interview." KK smiles and points to a green door, on a wing of Astbury Hall that sits opposite his open window. "Go through there, mate, and just keep going round to the right, I'll meet you half way."

Stepping through the Green Door is like exiting the wardrobe door to Narnia. I wonder through astoundingly beautiful rooms, with wooden floors, delightfully-decorated stained glass, gorgeously upholstered furnishings and more besides. Eventually, after what seems like an age, I reach KK. He's a skinny little fella who's kept his rockstar figure. Later, he tells me he's 60, though he looks 10 years younger and has a waist that most 20 year olds would envy.

KK was brought up on the Yew Tree Estate, in West Bromwich, and travelled the world with Judas Priest. He won a Grammy, was ranked 23 on rock magazine Hit Parader's list of 100 greatest metal guitarists but hung up his Gibson last year. He amassed a considerable fortune and invested wisely in property, at Astbury Hall, near Bridgnorth, and in Spain.

Farming

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"When I bought Astbury it was all in agriculture," he says. "But I wanted to use the estate for leisure. I thought it would make it a safe bet. I wanted insurance in case the farming thing didn't quite work out so I got planning permission to use it for leisure. That was back in 1990."

Initially, KK farmed, in between touring with Judas Priest. He had a mixed dairy herd but the BSE crisis sapped his confidence. So KK dreamed of golf and secured permission for a major leisure complex with a 63-bedroom hotel to incorporate every conceivable facility, including spa, purpose-built golf club house, 27-hole course, holiday lets, barn conversions and more. "I used to play when I was on the road," he says. "I started in the early 1980s. If I got a day off, I'd go and play a round."

Eventually, after two recessions, he opened his golf course. The course is managed by Troon Golf, the world's leading golf management company, and players from across the UK grace the rolling fairways and billiard-table-flat greens. The course was designed by KK in the heart of the Severn Valley and built to USGA specifications, with subtle contours and stunning views. "The course is maintained regardless of cost, that's what it has to be." KK dosen't have a handicap, but would probably play off 12 or 14: "As long as I can knock it around, I'm happy," he says.

His first year was such a success that KK now wants to



Rockstar-turned-lord of the manor KK Downing grew up on the Yew Tree housing estate

up on the Yew Tree housing estate embark on the next phase. "I had to get last year out of the way. I'd been doing the band for more than 40 years but there were lots of other considerations. A world tour is a long thing, you're on the road for two years.

"When you're away that long, you miss important events: holidays, deaths, weddings. When you're young you think everything will last forever but then you realise that things aren't like that and you have to focus on the things that are important to you. So I left the band and now I'm focused on Asthury."

Numerous events are planned at Astbury. There'll be a Race To Astbury, which takes inspiration from the Race To

Nace 10 Assurary, which are ally top event this year, called the willion Dollar Challenge. The contracts have been signed. We'll be holding the European Qualifying for the tournament. We'll be able to disperse about \$220,000 worth of

ment. We it be able to disperse about \$220,000 worth of prize money.

"I'm talking seriously with people about pushing the development forward for the hotel. If everything falls into place quite quickly then hopefully there'll be something really exciting to announce this year."



Pub's well may be kept as part of health centre

Hairs to a stylish future



Students Teresa Goncalves, Michelle Cooper, Rosa Bruno, and Rachel Cosgrove at the apprentice event at Walsall College.

STUDENTS at Walsall College have been turning their hands to a range of new skills as part of national apprenticeship week. Hairdressing, painting and deco-rating and signmaking were some of the activities students got the

chance to try. The college held an apprenticeship careers day at its Wisemore and Green Lane cam-puses last week. Visitors had the chance to speak to employers and current appren-

A 50ft well which used to be at the centre of a Walsall pub could become a feature in an expanded medical centre, under plans newly unveiled.

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newly unveiled.
Bosses at Rushall Medical Centre want to flatten the neighbouring Miner's Arms pub in Lichfield Road in order to expand. But the plans include keeping the historic well in the middle of the derelict pub.

The 19th watering hole went up in flames in October after arsonists struck overnight, leaving it a humed-out shell.

in October after arsonists struck overnight, leaving it a burned-out shell.

The well was discovered during a revamp, and a previous licensee made it in a showpiece, adding lighting and a glass lid.

Contribute

Nick Massey, representing the medical centre during the planning process, said in the application: "It is intended to preserve the application: "It is intended to preserve the memory of the original public house to respect an element of the local area history by protecting and using the original well as a landscape feature to the frontage of the new building.
"The proposed building has a contempo-rary design with a flat roof, slender over-hanging eaves detail, aluminium framed windows, brickwork and render walls with

detailing in materials and textures relating to the existing centre."

Ready to run for hospice

FUNDRAISERS are being asked to put on their running shoes to raise cash for a St Giles Walsall Hospice in Goscote Lane.

A sponsored run in Lichfield will raise money for the hospice. The St Giles Lichfield 5k Run takes place on March 25 at Beacon Park, Lichfield, at 9.30am.

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deco Seymour House, which stands next to Crown Wharf Shopping Park, is poised to undergo a facelift.

Bosses at Bloxwich-based Upwards Development say the units are currently being mar-

generated an application will be submitted to Walsall Council'

Options for the interior include a buffet-style restaurant, a gym and shop units.

Simon Griffiths, development manager at Upward Developments, said: "We are planning to develop around 30,000 sq ft of commercial, retail and leisure

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this would expand.

Footfall around the building Footfall around the building has increased in recent years due to the popularity of the Crown Wharf Shopping Park and the creation of a £55m Tesco Extra store nearby.

Regeneration chiefs wel-

comed the idea and said it showed the town was still attracting investment.





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A BOUQUET was presented to vice chairman Doreen Smith as thanks for organising our carol service in December at the Central Methodist Church, Blackheath, which was a resounding success.

Methodist Church, Blackheath, which was a resounding success.

Our treasurer, Beryl Hartley, announced that our charity fund for the past year raised £755.50, of which £444.63 was raised at the carol service.

A cheque for £755.50 had been sent to Acorns Children's Hospice, and Beryl thanked all our members for helping to raise such a splendid amount.

Doreen then introduced our speaker, Mr Alan Peace, who gave a splendid talk entitled John O'Groats to Lands End – Bike vs Bus".

This was an extremely entertaining story about his experiences travelling the length of the British Isles on bus, racing against his stepson and friend who were on bicycles. We were all astonished to find just how far one could travel using a free pensioner bus pass. leaving us could travel using a free pensioner bus pass, leaving us all wondering which of us would be first to try it.

would be first to try it.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 22, at 10.30am at the Moose Hall, Beeches Road, Blackheath, when our speaker will be Mr David Hickman whose talk is entitled "Diaries I've enjoyed".

Visitors will be made very welcome.



President Julia Jordan (left), immediate past president Renée White and region president Judith Healey help at a table-top sale of unwanted Christmas gifts

president Judith Healey help at a table
JULIA Jordan, president of Soroptimist
International of Wolverhampton, welcomed
the president of Soroptimist International
of Midland Chase region, Judith Healey.
Wolverhampton is one of the 14 clubs
which make up the Midland Chase region,
and it has been a tradition that it invites the
region president to attend and tell members
a little about herself.
Judith is a radiographer in a senior position at the Princess Royal Hospital, Telford,
and members were interested to hear of her

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career and how, despite being a busy wife, mother and now grandmother, she has managed a demanding full time job with a long-standing commitment to Soroptimism.

The main theme for her presidential year is teamwork, and how each member needs to join together to "make a difference".

Skydiving can be arranged

THE club welcomed Julie Pearce, who certainly started our 2012 demonstrations with a bang.

Julie's title was Sporting Life, taking us from the dizzy heights of skydiving to the depths of potholing.

Her first arrangement with spring flowers was from her riding days. Then

WALL HEATH FLOWER CLUB

came tennis with yellow roses and tulips on a metal frame. Skydiving used phormiums, pink, orchids, carnations and gerberas. Potholing was done in orange flowers and rock climbing in white for the white horses seen in the caverns. These were tulips, lilies and lizianthus with fern and eucalyptus.

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The Gaumont Cinema in Steelhouse Lane in 1965

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lectic mix of opera and ballet, coupled with music hall and pantomime that help-ed the city to develop its cultural identity throughout the 1950s and

GOs.

Entertainment venues such as the Beaufort cinema in Ward End, the Hippodrome and Alexandra Theatres and the Town Hall played a large part with comedians, musicians and pantomimes regularly topping the bill.

The venues are among the ones higlighted in Alton Douglas' latest pictorial history of Birmingham from 1900 to 190.

Big music-hall names such as Max Miller and Harry Secombe would often tread the boards at the Hippodrome while American Jazz singer Sarah Vaughan graced the Odeon in 1950s.

Later in 1968, a young Bob Monkhouse could be seen performing at West Bromwich Albion's sup-



The Beaufort cinema in Coleshill Road, Ward End, in 1956



Great Barr. Musicians such as Buddy Holly rocked both the airwaves and various Birmingham venues live, performing two shows in one day at Birmingham Town Hall on the 10th March 1958.

Classical music fans were treated by regular performances by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and the City of Birming-

shill Road, Ward End, in 1956
ham Choir, both performing to the
highest of standards. It was the
theatre that really captured the
heart of the Black Country with
various city centre theatre's thriving throughout the era.

Norman Evans, the only pantomime dame to receive top billing
at London's Palladium, chose the
Birmingham Hippodrome for his
Christmas appearance in Humpty
Dumpty in 1953.

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douglas.co.uk or at local booksellers.



Sarah Vaughan who appeared at the Odeon, New Street, in 1956



Comedian Max Miller, who topped the bill at the Hippo drome in 1953



New Street in 1909 with the Theatre Royal on the right

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their performance in a particular

when he hosts this year's

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Kermode Awards, which celebrate films and actors overlooked by the

Oscars. Andrew Graham-Dixon journeys north of the border to review the National Theatre of

Scotland's An Appointment with

The Wicker Man, and, as Tate Britain opens its new exhibition

Picasso and Modern British Art.

Alastair Sooke investigates the Spaniard's relationship with

surrealist Roland Penrose

SHOW

BBC2, 6pm Mark Kermode knows a lot about films. So if he says somebody should have won an award for

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.35 Rachel Allen: Home Cooking. (R) 12.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 12.15 Football Focus. 1.00 Live Athletics. 4.30 Final Score. 5.10 A Question of Sport. (R) 5.40 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.00 Winter Wipeout. Former winter wipeout. Former champions and losing finalists tackle the course, including Babyface Baz, Wheely Dan, Alaca-Dan and Suspicious Helen. Presented by Richard Hammond and Amanda Byram. Byram.
7.00 Let's Dance for Sport

Relief. New series. Shooting Stars duo Ulrika Jonsson and Angelos Epithemiou DJs Tony Blackburn and David Hamilton, and cricket star Darren Gough compete in the charity dance show.

active dance show.

8.20 The National Lottery:
Who Dares Wins.
Game show hosted by Nick Knowles in which two pairs of complete strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject.

9.10 Casualty. Dixie is suspicious of a new paramedic.

10.00 BBC News; Weather.

10.20 FILM: Starsky & Hutch.
(2004) Comedy, starring Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson; National Lottery

Wilson: National Lottery

Update.

11.55 The Football League
Show. Manish Bhasin
presents highlights of
today's games.

1.10 Weatherview. 1.15 BBC

BBC₂

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 12.00 The Sky at Night. (R) 12.20 Film: Houseguest. (1995) Comedy, starring Sinbad and Phil Hartman. 2.05 Film: A Good Woman. (2004) Comedy drama, starring Helen Hunt. 3.30 Birds Britannia. 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.30 Dad's Army, (R) Dad's Army. (R)

6.00 The Culture Show.
Andrew Graham-Dixon reviews the National Theatre of Scotland's adaptation of The Wicker Man, and Mark Kermode presents his own awards for the past year's films.

year's films.
7.00 Live Cycling. Jake
Humphrey presents
coverage of the second
day of the fourth and final round of the Track Cycling World Cup Classics season, staged at the Olympic

Velodrome in London.
9.00 Lucian Freud: Painted Lucian Freut.

Life. The career of
painter Lucian Freud,
who died in July, telling
the story of a complex
man who refused to go
with the flow, only
achieving celebrity in
older age.

10.30 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. With guest host Jack Dee.

11.15 Pan Am. Ginny follows Dean to Rome. 11.55 FILM: Bull Durham.

(1988) A baseball groupie is torn between a grizzled veteran and a talented but dim-witted newcomer for her next lover. Comedy drama, with Kevin Costner, Susan Sarandon and Tim Robbins.

1.40 The Culture Show

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 725 CITV.
9.25 ITV News. 9.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 10.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 11.20 This Morning: Saturday. 12.20 ITV News; Weather. 12.30 May the Best House Win. (R) 1.30 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 2.30 Fillm: Death Becomes Her. (1992) Black comedy fantasy, starring Goldie Hawn and Meryl Streep.
4.25 Regional News; Weather. 4.50 Live FA Cup Football. Sunderland v Arsenal (Kick-off 5.15pm). 5.15pm).

7.20 New You've Been Framed! Featuring a treadmill trauma.

7.50 Harry Hill's TV Burp.
Comic review of the week's small-screen

weeks small-screen
highlights.

8.20 Take Me Out. A
Hartlepool lifeguard, a
pianist from
Bournemouth and a
London shipbroker try

Bournern Land and London shipbroker try to impress 30 single women, and last week's couples go on their dates. Paddy McGuinness presents. Paddy McGuinness presents. Show. The host chats to actor John Hurt and actress Christina Ricci, and also welcomes Celebrity Juice regulars Keith Lemon, Fearne Cotton and Holly Willoughby, Plus, LMFAO perform.

10.20 ITV News; Weather.

10.35 FA Cup Football Highlights. Including Chelsea v Birmingham City.

City. 11.35 The Cube. (R)

12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 3.00 In Plain Sight. 3.45 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 The Treacle People, (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 GT Academy. 7.25 Daytona 24: The Story of the Daytona Challenge 2012. 7.55 The Morning Line. 8.155 T.5 Everyone's Talking About – Top Ten. 9.25 T4: Bourjois Boutique. 9.30 T4: This Means War: T4 Movie Special. 10.00 T4: New Girl. (R) 10.35 T4: New Girl. (R) 10.35 T4: New Girl. (R) 10.51 T4: Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.05 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.05 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.05 T4: The Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.10 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.10 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.10 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.15 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.15 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.15 Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.15 Come Dine with Me. Ana Jalais hopes to impress at the final dinner party in Brighton.

(H)
6.45 Channel 4 News.
7.15 4thought.tv. Members of the public discuss the

of the public discuss the effectiveness of alternative medicine.

7.20 FILM: The Day the Earth Stood Still. (2008) A scientist tries to persuade an alien visitor to Earth that the human race should be allowed to survive. Sci-firemake, starring Keanu Reeves and Jennifer Connelly.

9.10 The Bank Job. Game show, hosted by

George Lamb.

10.10 FILM: Final Destination
3. (2006) Horror sequel, starring Mary Elizabeth

12.00 Film: The Manchurian Candidate. (2004) Thriller, starring Denzel Washington. 2.15 Dave Gorman's Googlewhack. 4.05 90210. (R) 4.45 Brothers & Sisters. (R) 5.30 Countdown. (R)

6.00 Milkshakel 10.00 Demolition: The Tallest Tower. (R) 11.00 Royal Navy: Caribbean Patrol. (R) 12.01 Film: Al Jennings of Oklahoma. (1951) Western, with Dan Duryea. 1.30 Film: Gunsmoke. (1953) Western, starring Audie Murphy. 3.05 Film: King of Kings. (1961) Drama, starring Jeffrey Hunter.

Channel 5

Jrama, starring Jerrey Hunter.
6.15 5 News Weekend.
6.20 NCIS. Ducky is attacked by a knife-wielding woman who accuses him of war crimes, alleging he tortured and killed her brother in Afghanistan in the early 1980s. (R)
7.10 NCIS. The agents investigate the private life of a murdered Navy captain. (R)
8.00 NCIS. Inquiries into the death of a Marine land the team squarely in the

death of a Marine land the team squarely in the middle of an inner-city gang war, forcing Gibbs to confront a secret

gardy war, orang close to confront a secret from his past. (R)

9.00 CSI: NY. Danny risks his career when he is knocked unconscious in a bar brawl and comes round to discover an undercover officer has shot his assailant dead.

9.55 Live Boxing, Kid Galahad v Jason Booth. Coverage of the bout for the vacant WBC International Super Bantamweight title at the Magna Centre in Rotherham.

11.30 True Grit: The True Story. (R)

12.30 SuperCasino. 4.00 Nick's Quest. (R) 4.25 Divine Designs. (R) 4.50 Rough Guide to Islands. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshakel Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

2.45 American Idol 4.50 Film: Charlie and the 2.45 American Idol 4.50 Hilm: Charile and the Chocolate Factory (2005) 7.05 Film: Twins (1988). Comedy adventure, with Arnold Schwarzenegger and Danny DeVito. 9.20 Take Me Out – The Gossig 10.55 Celebrity Juice 10.50 Film: The Island (2005)

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2.10 Film: Columbo: Murder with Too Many Notes (2000) **4.05** Agatha Christie's Marple **6.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** Doc Martin 9.00 Agatha Christie's Poirot 11.00 Film: Dead Calm (1989). Suspense thriller, with Sam Neill, Nicole Kidman and Billy Zane.

3.20 Film: The Man from the Alamo (1953) 5.00 Film: The Far Country (1954) 700 The Sweeney 8.00 Minder 9.00 Film: Jaws 3 (1983) Thriller sequel, starring Dennis Quaid. 11.00 Film: Scarface (1983)

7.00 Doctor Who 8.30 Top Gear 9.35 Live at the Apollo 10.50 Family Guy 11.35 American

7.00 Decisive Weapons 8.00 Sinatra Sings 9.00 Inspector Montalbano 10.45 Storyville:

1.45 Hollyoaks 4.20 Perfect Couples 5.15 Scrubs 6.10 The Big Bang Theory 705 Happy Endings 7.35 How I Met Your Mother 8.05 Rules of Engagement 8.35 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 Film: Epic Movie (2007). Fantasy spoof, starring Kal Penn and Adam Campbell. 10.40 World's Greatest Celebrity Body Shockers 11.50 The Big Bang Theory

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2.55 Timeline (2003) 5.05 Faintheart (2008) 6.50 Planet of the Apes (1968). Sci-fi drama, starring Charlton Heston and Boddy McDowall. 9.00 Max Payne (2008) Action thriller, starring Mark Wahlberg. 11.00 Thirst (2009)



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HOMELAND

Channel 4, 9.30pm

Whenever a hit US series receives acclaim, it always seems to be snapped up by Sky for broadcast

usually, on its Atlantic channel, So it's a nice surprise to see Channel 4 nipping in to nab Homeland

from under its big-spending rival's nose. Like In Treatment, this is based on an Israeli series. It

focuses on the idea of what might

action, having become convinced that the terrorists he was sent to find were right after all. The open-

ing episode introduces viewers to

arrie Mathison, a CIA operations

officer who's received a tip-off from

a contact in Afghanistan about a

soldier who has been turned into a sleeper agent by al-Qaeda.

happen if a US serviceman returned home after seeing

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6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 The Big Questions. 11.00 Country Tracks; (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.00 Sunday Politics. 1.00 EastEnders. 2.50 Penguin Island. (R) 3.20 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.20 Lifeline. 4.30 Songs of Praise. 5.05 Polar Bear: Spy on the Ice. (R)

BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
 Countryfile. Ellie Harrison looks back on previous reports, from orienteering in the Lake Dietricts upenalt.

orienteering in the Lake District's unspoilt spaces, to Julia Bradbury's travels along the River Wye. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

3 Antiques Roadshow. The team returns to Hartland Abbey, Devon, where items of interest include a quilt believed to be made from ballgowns worn in the royal household and a rare piece of pressed rare piece of pressed

8.30 Call the Midwife. Sister Monica Joan is accused of theft. Last in the

9.30 Upstairs Downstairs

9.30 Upstairs Downstairs.
New series. Sir Hallam
becomes preoccupied
with Nazi Germany.
10.30 BBC News: Regional
News; Weather.
10.55 Room 101 – Extra
Storage. With Alistair
McGowan, Hilary Devey
and Josh Groban.
11.35 The Celebrity
Apprentice USA.

1.05 Weatherview. 1.10 Sign Zone: Film 2012 with Claudia Winkleman. (R) 1.50 Holby City. (R) 2.50 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip. (R) 3.50 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. 700 CBBC.
10.00 Something for the
Weekend. 11.30 Film: The
Burning Hills. (1956) Western,
starring Tab Hunter. 1.00 Film:
The Gumball Rally. (1976) Carrace comedy, starring Michael
Sarrazin. 2.45 Live Cycling. The
final day of the Track Cycling
World Cup Classics season from
London.

.condon.

6.00 Ski Sunday. The women's World Cup downhill race from Soch in Russia.

6.45 Coast. The north-west coast of Ireland.

7.00 World's Most Dangerous Roads.
Celebrities undertake journeys on some of the most perilous routes in the world. In Alaska, Sue Perkins and Charley Boorman drive along the notorious Dalton Highway. (R)

8.00 Top Gear. With Hollywood actor Michael Fassbender.

9.00 Swimming with

9.00 Swimming with Crocodiles – Botswana

Part one of two. Ben Fogle joins a pilot esearch study of Nile crocodiles in Botswana.

10.00 Three Men in a Boat: The Best Bits. A compilation of highlights rom the series

from the series.

11.00 Ski Sunday. The
women's World Cup
downhill race from
Sochi in Russia. (R)

11.45 Frank Skinner's
Opinionated. Russell
Howard joins the
presenter in Norwich.

12.15 Film: Southern Comfort. (1981) Action thriller, starring Powers Boothe. **2.00** BBC News. **3.50** Close. ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 725 CITV. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 FA Cup Football Highlights. (R) 10.30 Dinner Date. (R) 11.30 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 12.30 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.35 Live FA Cup Football. 4.45 All Star Family Fortunes. (R) 5.30 Regional News; Weather. 5.50 ITV News; Weather.

6.05 Dancing on Ice. The nine remaining celebrities battle it out.

8.00 Coronation Street.

8.00 Coronation Street.
Lewis returns to the
Street and pays back
the cash he stole.
8.30 Wild at Heart. Ed is left
in charge of the
endangered-species
project at the clinic,
where he meets a
beautiful stranger who
takes an interest in him
– but Du Plessis is
suspicious of her
motives.
9.30 Dancing on Ice-The

9.30 Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off. The results are announced and viewers find out which of the nine celebrities will be leaving the competition for good. Presented by Phillip Schofield and Christine

Bleakley.

10.00 That Sunday Night
Show. With Frank
Skinner and John

Skillifet and John Prescott. 10.30 ITV News; Weather. 10.45 FA Cup Football Highlights. Including action from Crawley Town v Stoke City. 11.45 Premiership Rugby

12.40 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.10** River Monsters. (R) **3.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News. **Channel 4** Channel 5 6.00 Milkshakel: Peppa Pig. 6.05
Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15
Fili and the Flowertots. (R) 6.25
Fireman Sam. (R) 6.40 Harry and
His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R)
6.50 Castle Farm. (R) 6.55 Igam
Ogam. (R) 7.05 Roobarb and
Custard Too. (R) 7.15 Bananas in
Pyjamas. (R) 7.25 Family (R) 7.35
Make Way for Noddy. (R) 7.45
Bert and Ernie's Great
Adventures. (R) 7.50 Little
Princess. (R) 8.05 The Adventures
of Bottle Top Bill and His Best
Friend Corky. (R) 8.20 Angelina
Ballerina. (R) 8.35 Rupert Bear.
(R) 8.50 Ben and Holly's Little
Kingdom. (R) 9.10 The Mr Men
Show. (R) 9.20 Roary the Racing
Car. (R) 9.40 Mist: Sheepdog
Tales. (R) 10.00 Grey's Anatomy.
(R) 11.00 Police Interceptors. (R)
12.00 Cowboy Builders. (R) 1.00
Film: Murder 101: Locked Room
Mystery. (2008) Whodunit,
starring Dick Van Dyke. 2.45 Film:
Starman. (1984) Sci-fi fantasy
romance, starring Jeff Bridges.
4.45 Film: Pearl Harbor. (2001)
Romantic Second World War
drama, with Ben Affleck and Kate
Beckinsale.

8.00 Saving Private Ryan:

6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 6.40 The Hoobs. (R) 7.05 That Paralympic Show. (R) 7.30 Channel 4 Presents – 2012: Helen Turner. (R) 7.35 Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. (R) 8.05 T4: One Tree Hill. (R) 9.00 T4: Countdown to the NME Awards 2012. (R) 9.20 T4: Bourjois Boutique. 9.25 T4: Hollyoaks. (R) 11.55 T4: Bourjois Boutique. 12.00 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.30 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 1.00 Film: Mighty Joe Young. (1998) Family adventure remake, with Charlize Theron. 3.10 Deal or No Deal. 4.05 Time Team. 5.10 Channel 4 News. 5.40 4thought.tv. 5.45 The

4.05 Time Team. 5.10 Channel 4 News. 5.40 4thought.tv. 5.45 The Political Slot. 5.50 Film: Fantastic Mr Fox. (2009) Premiere. Stop-motion animated adventure, with the voice of George Clooney.

7.30 Home of the Future.
The Pereras' family
MOT business is
modernised.
8.30 The Hotel. Manager
Mark Jenkins ends the
summer season with a
barbecue pool party.
9.30 Homeland. New series.
A CIA agent suspects a
recently rescued
American prisoner of
war may be working for war may be working for al-Qaeda. Thriller,

al-Qaeda. Infiller, starring Claire Danes and Damian Lewis. 10.40 FILM: Under Siege 2: Dark Territory. (1995) Adventure, with Steven Seagal, Eric Bogosian,

12.40 Film: Collateral. (2004) 12.40 Film: Collateral. (2004) Thriller, starring Tom Cruise and Jamie Foxx. 2.45 Film: The Grand Finale. (2006) Premiere. Documentary about the 2006 FIFA World Cup. 4.25 Brothers & Sisters. (R) 5.10 Countdown. (R) 5.55 The Treacle People. (R)

3.55 The Only Way Is Essex 5.25 Film: Wild Wild West (1999) 7.30 Film: The Mummy (1999). Action adventure, starring Brendan Fraser. 10.00 The Only Way Is Essex 10.45 Film: The Bodyguard (1992). Romantic thriller, with Kevin Costner and Whitney Houston. 3.40 Film: Evil Under the Sun (1982). Mystery

starring Peter Ustinov. 6.00 Agatha Christie's Poirot 9.00 Lewis 11.00 Cracke

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3.20 Film: The Far Country (1954) 5.20 Film: Nevada Smith (1966). Western, starring Steve McQueen. **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Film: Hard Target (1993). Action thriller, starring Jean-Claude Van Damme. **11.00** Film: National Lampoon's Animal House (1978). Campus comedy, starring John Belushi.

BBC THREE

7.00 Let's Dance for Sport Relief 8.00 Young Carpenter of the Year 9.00 Being Human 10.00 Film: Blades of Glory (2007). Ice-skating comedy, starring Will Ferrell. 11.30 Family Guy

BBC FOUR

700 Sir John Dankworth at the BBC 8.00 Jazz Piano Gold 9.00 Barbara Thompson: Playing Against Time 10.15 Barbara Thompson in Concert 10.30 Film: Lourdes (2009). Premiere French drama, starring Sylvie Testud.

8.00 Saving Private Ryan: The True Story. (R) 8.55 5 News Weekend. 9.00 FILM: Death Race.

McShane.

11.10 FILM: Thir13en Ghosts.
(2001) Horror remake,
starring Matthew Lillard,
Tony Shalhoub and
Shannon Elizabeth.

12.50 Inside Hollywood. 1.05 SuperCasino. (R) 3.55 Rough Guide to Adventures. (R) 4.10 How Not to Decorate. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

(2008) Sci-fi thriller, starring Jason Statham, Joan Allen and Ian

90210 6.50 Film: Never Been Kissed (1999) Romantic comedy, with Drew Barrymore, Michael Vartan and David Arquette. 9.00

2.45 Explorers (1985) 4.55 Journey to the Center of the Earth (2008) 6.50 Waitress (2007). Romantic drama, starring Keri Russell and Nathan Fillion. 9.00 Knowing (2009). Mystery thriller, starring Nicolas Cage. 11.20 The Vault of Horror (1973)

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BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Wanted Down Under. (R) 10.00 Homes Under the Under. (R) 10.00 Homes Under the Lown Library 1.00 Homes Under the Lown Library 1.00 Homes Under the Lorder the 1.00 Homes Under the 1.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Animal Park. (R) 1.30 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. 3.00 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 3.45 Flog III (R) 4.30 Perfection. (R) 5.15 Antiques Road Trip. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Britian's Heritage Heroes. 7.00 Operation Hospital Food with James Martin. 8.00 University Challenge. 8.30 The Bleak Old Shop of Sulf. 9.00 The Tube. 10.00 Watson & Oliver. 10.30 Newsnight. Weather. 11.20 Pan Am. (R) 12.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 4
6.05 Sali Mali. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 700 Freshly Squeezed. 730 According to Jun. 755 Everybody Loves Raymon (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 The Secret Millionaire USA. (R) 9.55 Relocation, Relocation. (R) 11.00 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Country House Rescue. (R) 1.05 Channel 4 Presents – 2012: Deavld Clarke (Part Western sequel. starring. John Wayme and Katharine Hepburn. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. 5.30 Coach Trip. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollycaks. 700 Channel 4 News. 75.5 4 thought.tv. 8.00 SuperScrimpers. 9.00 Coppers. 10.00 My Social Network Stalker: True Stories. 11.10 Homeland. (R) 12.20 Random Acts. 12.25 Shameless. (R) 20 Channel 4 Presents. 2012: Stophen Miller 20 Channel 5 Reserved R

Full Metal Challenge. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshakel 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.10 LIVE with Gabby, 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.15 Build a New Life in the Country, (R) 1.15 Home and Away, 1.45 Neighbours, 2.15 CSI. Milamin. (R) 3.15 Firm: The Wew from Here. (2009) Frame, starring Laure, 1.60 Home and Away, (R) 6.30 5 News at 6.30. 700 World's Toughest Trucker; (R) 5 News Update. 8.00 Police Interceptors. A Christmas party becomes a full-blown riot; 5 News at 9.9.00 Royal Marines: Mission Afghanistan. 10.00 Film: The Condemned. (2007) Action thriller, starring Steve Austin. 12.15 Soho Blues. (R) 1.15 SuperCasino. 3.55 House Doctor. (R) 4.20 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.10 Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R)

Tuesday

Rip Off Britain. (R) 4.35 BBC News.

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Channel 4 6.05 Sali Mall. (R) 6.10 The Nobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 According to Jim. 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 9.25 Frasier. (R) 8.55 Undercover Boss. (R) 9.55 Relocation, Robert March 19.55 Library 19.55 Relocation, Robert March 19.55 Library 19.55 Relocation, Robert March 19.55 Library 19.55 Relocation, Robert March 19.55

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Wednesday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Wanted Dowr Under Revisited. (R) 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer: BBC News; Weather. 11.00 BBC 1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Wanted Down Under Revisited. (R) 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Dovotsep Crime 999. 11.30 Cowboy Trap; BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 12.16 Bargain Hourt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather, 12.16 Bargain Hourt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather, 12.00 BBC News; Weather, 12.00 BBC News; Neather. 12.0

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Friday

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- benefits (6)

 8. Leave the vehicle
 it's on fire (6)

 10. Turn one into an
 uncharged particle
- (7) 11 & 12 Ac. What
- those who make spare parts are engaged in? (9) 13. Failed to interes
- 13. Failed to interest the directorate, we hear (5)
 17. Being stitched together, they could make a mess (5)
 18. To signify an intermediate position (4)
 22. A practical lesson to be drawn from this sort of victory (5)
- (5)
 23. It's disgusting so I'm one very upset
- (7)

 24 & 9 Dn. Deputy
 head a very short
 time in charge
 (6-2-7)

 25. They smooth out
 level pieces of land,
 we hear (6)

Quick Clues:

7. Sum (6)

- 8. Whimsical (6)
- 10. Ogre (7) 11. Handle (5)
- **12.** Sleigh (4) **13.** Caper (5)

- 23. Greed (7)

- 25. Bog (6)

- 1. Are those who re-ceive it ill-informed?
- (3,4)
 2. Yes, a rut could form this part of the river (7) 3 & 14 Dn. Present-

- 3 & 14 Dn. Presenting one's relations!
 (5-7)
 4. Footwear for one on a greasy surface (7)
 5. Some of the retrogressive monsters
 (5)
 6. It's not the same having to put up with the girl (5)
 9. See 24 Across
 14. See 3 Down
- 15. What tellers do is check the votes again (7)

Join (5)
 Support (7)

Support (7)
 Compare (5)
 Condition (5)
 Head (9)
 Effective (7)

15. Main city (7) 16. Vehement (7) 19. Ultimate (5) 20. Hire (5)

21. Truck (5)

Down

Across

- 1. Hand-reader (7) 2. Hint (7)

- 17. Luke-warm (5)
- 18. Daybreak (4) 22. Perfect (5)

- again (7)

 16. Prose isn't upside down! (7)

 19. A tightly-packed crowd get together

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
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22 Tuesday; 23 Horse. Down: 1 Advertisement; 2 Tense; 3 Cast; 4
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15 Sitcky; 18 Peter; 19 Dash. OUICK - Across: 1 Rapid; 4 Pretend; 8 Torment; 9 Amas; 10 Over; 11 Infusion; 13 Chop; 14 Stun; 16 Conspir; 17
Tale; 20 Irate; 21 Germane; 22 Element; 23 Wrest. Down: 1 Retrospective; 2 Purse; 3 Deem; 4 Potent; 5 Evacuate; 6 Elation; 7 Disengagement;
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area fitted with a range of beech-effect base and wall units with roll top work surfaces with white single drainer sink with mixer tap, four ring gas hob, electric oven with extractor hood over, plumbing for automatic washing machine, space for fridge freezer and French doors to the conservatory, which also has doors to the rear garden. On the first floor are three bedrooms and a bathroom with white suite of panelled bath with instant electric shower, shower screen, pedestal wash hand basin and low level wc.

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luxury two-bedroom ground floor apartment in a sought after development close to Cannock Chase is on the market priced at £179,950.

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WELL-EQUIPPED grounds with security gated access and also benefits from fired central heating, double glazing and intruder alarm.

The lounge/dining/kitchen area is 12ft 11in by 23ft 10in with an extensive range of fitted kitchen units incorporating base units, laminate work surfaces, wall cupboards, inset sink with mixer taps, integrated automatic dishwasher, automatic automatic washing machine/dryer, electric built-in

oven, five burner gas hob, oven hood/extractor, fridge, freezer and

Bedroom one has a fully tiled ensuite with white suite incorporate ing quadrant shower cubicle with shower mixer taps over, integrated hand basin with mixer taps in lam-inate surround with cupboards below and wall cupboard with

mirrors over and low flush wc.
There is a second bedroom and a bathroom with P-shaped bath, shower mixer taps over and contoured shower screen, integrated hand basin with mixer taps, inte-grated low flush wc, laminate sur-

round and cupboards below.
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MOSELEY ROAD
property * Refitted kit

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WILLENHALL
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om serni * Shower ro
n area * Downstain
double * Nice rear. £595 PCM



.... Residential Vacant

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Lot 113

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AMPLEFORTH DRIVE £500 PCM



£500 PCM



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KINGFISHER COURT
upper buil # filted libben
6 motorwy link # bourge
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GIPSY LANE



ALBION STREET otment * Fully litted ma and Metro links * Main bathroom £500 PCM



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shaver * Double alazina £450 PCM



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* Sell contained fail floor fid

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* Self-acceptance

* Studenting and double

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NEW INVENTION

- hree pearooms ounge and dining rooms tefitted kitchen with oven and hob
- / INVENTION
 OORE ROAD

 * Refitted bathroom with separate walk in show cubicle

 * Utility room and downstairs we

 * Off road parking the fore

 *Goz central heating, UPVC double glazed wir
 £122,500



COUNTY BRIDGE, WILLENHALL **CORONATION AVENUE**

- Traditional * Majority UPVC double glazing

 * Kitchen with of opered the Ustudy

 * Downstoiss vsc

 * Upstoiss bothroom with shower

 * George and block paved drivework

 £129,950





FANSTASTIC BUY! PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

WILLENHALL

- residence
 Popular Hadley Heath location
 Corner plot position
 Gas central heating
- EWHURST CLOSE

 * Majority uPVC double glazing

 * Estended lounge and hallway

 * 28th tandem length garage

 * Lovely established gardens to front, rear and side
 £139,995



NEW INVENTION

- - £129,950 OFFERS



- LONGWOOD RISE

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 * 3 bedrooms pies 2881 yaward floor games

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 * Constraint bearing, IPVC double glazed windows ** Carpart and block proed de

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- £149,950, OFFERS, NO CHAIN



- WILLENHALL
 WILLIAMS CLOSE
 letoched property * Upstairs bothron





- * Modern style two/three bedroom extended seminary of the the two forms of the rear and side

 * Wet room and second lounge/bedroom three

 * Gas central heating

 * No survenul About 1







SHORT HEATH

- **WESLEY ROAD** * Superb Victorian style terraced residence

 * Charming character accommodation

 * Two bedrooms

 * Double glazing

 * Viewing essential

 - £110,000 NO CHAIN







WILLENHALL FURZEBANK WAY

- * Pleasantly appointed town house style property
 * Three bedrooms, currently two bedrooms (could
 easily be Amonged back)
 * Gas central heating
 * WPC double glazed windows

 * Pleasant established rear garden
 * Pleasant establis



WILLENHALL

- Sis central heating * Internal viewing recommender
 WAS £92,500, NOW £89,950

WANTED

Mrs F is looking for a two or three bedroom property in the Bentley area, she is a cash purchaser with a price guide up to £90,000. Ref: NW



SUMMER HAYES

- * Ground and first floor bedrooms * Lounge and separate dining
- THE HAYES
 ami detached property

 * 29th side garage, couple off road pr
 afree, part double glazing

 * Utility roan/dewnstairs w

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- WAS £135,000, NOW £129,950

WANTED Mr & Mrs W are looking for a two or three bedroom

bungalow in Summer Hayes, Short Heath, New Invention areas

up to £170,000. Ref: RA



- SHORT HEATH BLOXWICH ROAD NORTH
- ely spacious and splendidly * Superb refitted bathroon d traditional style semi * Excellent refitted breakt Three beforems * Two reception rooms

 * Ges central heating * UPVC double
 planed windows

 * Off road parking to the side * A lored parking to the side * A l

£125,000

WANTED Miss R would like a

two bedroom house in Coppice Farm, Short Heath or Woodlands Estate up to £135,000 and

has nothing to sell. Ref. ŘA





WILLENHALL

- SHERLOCK CLOSE
- * Pleasantly appointed modern style end town
 * Two bedrooms, one with built-in wardrobes
 * Gas central heating
 * UPVC double glazed windows
 * UPVC double glazed conservatory

NEW INVENTION

£120,000 OFFERS



- **WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD**

£84,950





* Lounge and dining room







Lounge and extended dining room
17ft side utility room
Pleasant garden to the rear
Off road parking
Internal viewing recommended









BENTLEY, WALSALL

ARNOLD CLOSE * Pleasant three bedroom end town house

* Cul-de-sac position

* Gas central heating

* External UPVC double glazed windows

* External UPVC double glazed windows

* External UPVC double Glazed windows

* Garden to the rear



* riescon miss moor misconeme
* Cul-de-sec location
* One bedroom
* UPVC double glazed windows
* Electric heating
* Ideal first time purchase

* Ideal first time purchase £54,500



£69,950



ed kitchen with oven, bob, washing * Security gated entrance, allocated park
£69,950 OFFERS, NO CHAIN

machine and refrigerator

* Open plan launge/kitchen

* Bothroom with white suite

* Reception hall with storage







Ses central heating system (to be * Internal viewing recommended WAS £67,500, NOW £64,950





SHORT HEATH

- WOOD LANE CLOSE



- to front & rear improve property
 bedrooms

 ** Rear garden off road

JPVC double glazing parking £250,000 VIEWING ESSENTIAL





OPEN HOUSE VIEWING SUNDAY 19TH FEB, 11AM-2PM

ESSINGTON

- two reception rooms
 Wtility, study room and guest WC
 Gas central heating, UPVC double glazed



SNEYD LANE

- itional style bay

 dresidence
 requested location

 to excland (subject

 to extend (subj

£279.950 OFFERS



COPPICE FARM KESTREL GROVE

- Improved modern style detached family residence
 Gas central heating
 For LPVC double glazed windows
 For bedrooms
 Relited en suite shower room
 * Enclosed rear garden, off roos

r garden, off road parking WAS £225,000 NOW £215,000



NEW INVENTION, WILLENHALL CRAB LANE * Extended three bedroom link detached properly * Some internal modernisation required * Excellent polential to improve and exhand (STPP) * UPVC double glazed window. * UPVC double glazed window.

- * Driveway to the fore £165,000 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



SHORT HEATH

- HUNTS LANE
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WANTED

Mr & Mrs S are first

time buyers looking

for a three bedroom

semi up to

£130,000 in the

WS2 area. Ref. LW

COPPICE FARM

- wownstairs we
 ★ Garage and off ii
 ★ Generous rear ~

NEW INVENTION, WILLENHALL

CRAB LANE

★ Gas central her ★ Internal viewir WAS £205,000 NOW £199,950



COPPICE FARM

- BOWNESS GROVE

 * Excellent modern detached residence
 * Three bedrooms
 * En saile slawer room
 * Superb UPV6 double glazed
 * Superb UPV6 double glazed
 hob
 - vatory * Garage and ample pa £189,950 NO CHAIN

WANTED

Mr & Mrs C would like

a four bedroom

property in Coppice

Farm or Essington

areas. They are sold

and are looking up to

£240,000. Ref: LW



COPPICE FARM

- bath

 * Garage and block paved
 driveway

 * Lovely established rear gard oven and * Lovely



NEW INVENTION, WILLENHALL

- **NEW INVENTION, WILLEN CRAB LANE

 **Dormer style link deteched bungdow **P reposite and much requested focation **I have bedrooms **I have bedrooms ** Two bedrooms ** Two bedrooms ** Two the forms ** 30th riside graphs ** Trivited establishe **
- £167,000 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



COPPICE FARM

SNOWDON WAY

Mr F, a cash buyer, is looking for an investment property in

WANTED

Willenhall with two or three bedrooms. Price

Guide up to £75,000. Ref: NW



THE MANOR, WILLENHALL

- THOMPSON CLOSE

WILLENHALL

WELLAND GROVE

£159,950 OFFERS

SHORT HEATH





£179,950



WILLENHALL

SNEYD PARK

£150,000

suite

* Re-styled kitchen

* Garage and block p

* Gas central heating









- SNEYD PARK
 DRUID PARK ROAD

 **Pleasanfly appointed and
 surprisingly sectiones sum
 fixed source of the first time purchase
 ** Indeed life sit lime purchase
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ms appliances

Lovely enclosed rear garder
£122,000

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Sedgley









- ★ UPVC double glazed windows ★ Internal viewing recommen £130,000 OFFERS, NO CHAIN
- COPPICE FARM

windows * No related chain
WAS £149,950, NOW £147,950

SUMMER HAYES

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £149.950



★ Much improved rums in such style property

★ Two bedrooms

★ Superb upvc double glazed

★ Block paved drivewory

***—"Final excentifial"

where up to the conservatory

Refitted kitchen and

Wewing essential

Offers in excess of £95,995



WILLENHALL

heating * NO () £142,500











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A stunning double fronted four bedroom executive detached home situated on the extremely prestigious and sought after "Riverpoint"

Brownshore Lane, Essington



A stunning four bedroom, two bathroom detached home built by David Wilson Homes to an extremely high finish. Originally the showhome and therefore benefitting from many features and unprades

Lochalsh Grove, Willenhall



A stunning show-home style four bedroom, two bathroom detached home situated on the popular Coppice Farm development. Benefitting from complete refurbishment, conservatory, kitchen and secluded garden. Viewing recommended!

Gurnard Close, Willenhall



Farm. Lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory and bathroom. Central heating and double glazing.



Kewstoke Road, Willenhall



home with garage situated on the ever popular Sneyd Park immaculate order throughout.

Glaisedale Grove, Willenhall



A four bedroom detached house situated on the popular "Kingfisher" development. Presented in immaculate order and benefitting from a stunning loft room. Close to the Guru Nanak Gurdwara and Willenhall Town. Viewing by

Alton Avenue, Willenhall



A traditional style three bedroom semi-detached home situated on a sought after road close to Pool Hayes School. Homes here don't hang around long so call us today to view.

Rosewood Drive, Willenhall



An immaculately presented two bedroom terraced home situated on the extremely popular "Coppice Farm" development. Also benefits from parking to the front of the property. Viewing is by appointment!

Marden Close, Willenhall



A four bedroom detached home situated on the popular "Hadley Heath" development with views onto greenery at the front. Benefitting from a cul-de-sac location and presented in immaculate order. Viewing is by appointment with Dixons.

appointment with Dixons Rednine Crest, Willenhall



A three bedroom semi-detached home A unce bearroun in semi-detached flome situated on a corner plot with two driveways and a garage. Just off the ever popular "Stroud Avenue". Having been extensively modernised and improved by its present owners who have also added a conservatory.

Edinburgh Avenue, Walsall



A well presented two bedroom semi-detached home with the added benefit of driveway parking. Situated in a popular location in Bentley. Viewings by appointment with Dixons. Call us now for details!!!

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A well presented two bedroom semi-detached bungalow situated on the sought after "Stroud Avenue". Benefitting from garage, new bathroom and recent modernisation. Viewing is by appointment. Vendor is motivated to sell. Offered with no upward chain!!!

Woodside Way, Willenhall



An extended three bedroom semi-detached home situated on the sought after "WOODLANDS" development. In need of cosmetic improvements hence the price. Would be ideal for somebody in need of a house with GRANNY FLAT POTENTIAL to the side!!! No upward chain!!!

Lucknow Road, Willenhall



A two bedroom semi-detached home situated close to local shops and Pool Hayes School. Presented in immaculate order and benefitting from a driveway and garage. Viewings are by appointment and this house is offered with no upward chain

Squires Grove, Willenhall



An immaculately presented two bedroom, two bathroom apartment situated on the ever popular "Squires Grove" development in New Invention. Benefitting further from a garage and allocated parking. Viewings by appointment with Dixons. No upward chain

Ravensbourne Grove, Willenhall



A two bedroom semi-detached home situated in a cul-de-sac close to Willenhall Town and Guru Nanak Gurdwara. Underneath its charm and character is a lovely little first time buyers home

Wordsworth Road, Willenhall



A well presented two bedroom terraced A well presented two bedroom terraced home situated on a popular development with access to local shops. Having been extensively improved this one is definitely worth a viewing. Ideal for first time buyers!!! No upward chain!!!

Carrington Road, Wednesbury



Three bedroom terraced situated on Friar Park, Wednesbury. Also benefiting from sun room to the rear. Offering convenient access to local shops and schools. Offered to the market with no upward chain

19 Simmonds Place, Wednesbury



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chells Court, Willenhall Road



A two bedroom first floor maisonette. Situated in a cul-de-sac location with communal gardens and parking. Offered for sale with no

Sandwell Place, Willenhall



Three bedroom semi-detached comprising lounge, kitchen, downstairs toilet, first floor bathroom, double glazing and no







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93 Deakin Avenue, Brownhills



set on a corner plot with fore, side and rear gardens and a detached garage. Constructed of brick under a pitch tiled roof with the benefit of central heating and uPVC double glazing but in need of further improvement and modernisation and comprises:-Entrance Hall, Dining Area, Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom, Guide Price £80,000-£100,000

Modern detached bungalow



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property constructed of brick under a pitch tiled roof with the benefit of double glazing is situated on a popular residential estate within a short distance of Pelsall village centre. The property is in need of general improvement and modernisation and offers an opportunity and ses the following:ideal Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Carport, Driveway, Fore and Rear Garden.

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92 Bloxwich Lane, Walsall



has gas fired central heating and uPVC double glazing and and uPVC double glazing and would make an ideal purchase for a buy to let investor. Set back from the road behind a lawned fore garden with enclosed rear garden the property is conveniently located within a short distance of Walsall centre with shopping and banking facilities available. The property comprises:-Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Dining Area, Lounge, Guest Cloakroom, Kitchen, Two ns. Bathroom. Fore and

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129 Norton Road, Pelsall

Guide Price £110,000-£130,000



detached bungalow residence is situated in a popular residential area at the top of Pelsall village with all amenities close at hand. Constructed of brick under a pitch tiled roof the property has some double glazing and gas fired central heating, but offers tremendous scope for further improvement. The accommodation comprises:-

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54 Manor Road,

Walsall

This traditionally styled brick and tile mid-terraced residence with the benefit of gas fired central heating and double glazing situated close to Manor Hospital making an ideal purchase for an investor or first time buyer. Situated close to Walsall town centre the accommodation comprises: Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Sitting Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, Fore Garden, Yard and Rear Garden.

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raditionally styled semi-detached residence set back from the road behind a fore garden with enclosed rear garden in need of full modernisation and improvement and comprises: Canopy Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms,



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67 Bushbury Road, Wolverhampton



A weil presented ustached resolute will vig a certain heating and mostly double glazed, situated close to the city centre and hospital, making an ideal buy-to-tet purchase. The accommodation comprises: Front living Room, Rear Living Room, Kitchen, Shower Room,

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38 Talke Road, Walsall



omprises: Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Ro throom, Three Bedrooms, Fore and Rear Garde etails: The property is currently let on a 6 mo orthold Tenancy from 1st September 2011 to a l u rental of £369.98 per calendar month

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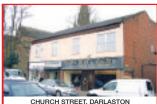


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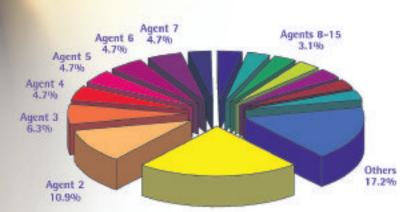
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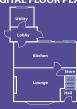


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Since its launch in 1996, the Berlingo Multispace continues to be one of the leaders for practicality in the family car

as to be one of the leaders for practicality in the family car segment.

Among the styling upgrades, the new Berlingo Multi-space gains a wider, more defined grille, a new chevron badge and a new headlight arrangement. The indicators, for example, are now to the side of the main light units and are example, are now to the side of the main light units and are underlined by blue segments for an even stronger personality. The lower part of the grille can be fitted with static cornering lights integrated with the fog lights and LEDs provide an eye-catching daytime lighting signature.

The model's side mirrors have been updated with a more

aerodynamic design, helping to reduce fuel consumption and CO2 emissions. New 'Airflow' wheel embellishers are also available to help improve fuel and CO2 efficiency. A 'Black Pack' is introduced, with customised Onyx Black trim on the top of the front bumper, side mirrors, side rubbing strips and rear number plate moulding. Inside the cabin, colours and materials have been revised on all levels of trim for a more contemporary feel. of trim for a more contemporary feel.

Robust

New Berlingo Multispace is also available with two new ody colours, Nocciola and Belle Ile Blue. One of the most robust, practical and spacious models in

its segment, Berlingo Multispace can be specified with up to seven independent seats. The model's generous interior dimensions can be fitted with the Modutop®, a Citroën design inspired by the world of aviation, which combines a



Citroën's new Dispatch Combi multispace

Citroën's new Dispatch Combi multispace glazed roof with multiple stowage compartments, a dual access boot, individually controlled ventilation and additional lighting for passengers in the rear. The Modutop® integrated boot is easily accessible, with a rear window that can be opened from the outside for easy loading.

The new Berlingo Multispace is available with a range of efficient engines and gearbox options, including Citroën's e-HDi micro-hybrid powertrain with Stop & Start and a six-speed automated manual gearbox - e-HDi 90 Airdream EGS6 versions deliver CO2 emissions of just 125g/km.

On five-seat versions, the HDi 75 and HDi 90 models now deliver reduced emissions - 135g/km down from 139g/km - thanks in part to the aerodynamic upgrades. The HDi 110 engine is upgraded to HDi 115, providing extra performance.

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In the UK, the new Berlingo Multispace is available with three core trim levels, VT, VTR and XTR. The XTR versions are designed for more adventurous families and features raised suspension (+10mm), a skid plate beneath the car and a special body pack.

Generous space

One of the largest passenger vehicles in the Citroën range, the new Dispatch Combi combines generous space – up to nine occupants and a large boot – with MPV levels of on board comfort.

Like the Berlingo Multispace, the Dispatch Combi gains a new front end with a wide chromed grille featuring the brand's updated chevron design. The new Citroën brand identity is also clearly visible at the rear. A new body colour, Hickory Brown, undates the range of shades available.

identity is also clearly visible at the rear. A new body colour, Hickory Brown, updates the range of shades available. For enhanced peace of mind, Grip Control is newly available, with the driver choosing one of four modes — normal, all-terrain, snow or sand. This advanced anti-skid option optimises traction and adapts to all driving situations. An optional tyre pressure monitor is also introduced.

The new Dispatch Combi also becomes available with a new six-speed automatic gearbox, which is mated to the HDi 160 engine. Six-speed manual gearboxes are also available with the HDi 95, HDi 125 and HDi 160 engines. All versions feature a dashboard mounted gear selector for a comfortable and convenient driving experience.

Special efforts were made to reduce the model's CO2 emissions with the addition of aerodynamic panels underneath the body and a 'volt control' function to optimise battery charge management by the alternator.

The new Dispatch Combi is available in two trim levels in the UK, Combi and Combi SX.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984-SECTION 14(1)(a)

THE M6 MOTORWAY (JUNCTION 11) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the M6 Motorway in the County of Staffordshire to allow resurfacing work to be carried out.

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The effect of the Order will be to close –

1) the northbound carriageway of the M6 from its junction with the exit slipr road at Junction 11 to 16 junction with M6 Toll; and

2) the slip road leading to the northbound carriageway of the M6 at

Work will be carried out overnight between 20:00 hours and 06:00 hours and is expected to start on Monday 20 February 2012. The Order will come into force on 17 February 2012.

Vehicles being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes and vehicles being used in connection with the works or by a traffic officer will be exempt from the closures. A diversion route via A460, A5 and M6 Junction 12 will be well signed.

For further information, please contact Purnima Kaul on 0121 678 8586.

THE M6 MOTORWAY (JUNCTION 11) (NORTHBOUND EXIT SLIP ROAD) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the M6 Motorway in the County of Staffordshire to allow surface repair work to be carried out.

The effect of the Order will be to close the slip road leading from the northbound carriageway of the M6 at Junction 11.

Work will be carried out over one night between 22:00 hours and 06:00 hours and is expected to start on Wednesday 14 March 2012. The Orde will come into force on 7 March 2012.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the M54 Motorway near Featherstone in the County of Staffordshire, to allow resurfacing and lining work to be carried out.

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(b) to the eastbound carriageway of the M54 at Junction 2,

The work will be carried out overnight between 20:00 hours and 06.00 Mours and is expected to take place over 4 nights during the period 12 March 2012 to 31 March 2012. The Order will come into force on 6 March 2012.

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Heathens ace rides for fun

HEATHENS legend Jan O. Pedersen has admitted defeat in his bid to make a full-time speedway come-

Pedersen, the 1991 world champion, is one of the most popular riders ever to wear the famous green, red and

popular riders ever to wear the famous green, red and white colours during the old Cradley days.

Now he will focus on his role as coach with the modern day Dudley Heat thens, who race their home meetings at Monmore Green in Wolverhampton as the seek a permanent

nome.

Pedersen said: "My body won't stand up to it any more but I'm really pleased I got back on the bike and I will do a few meetings here and there.

"I'm hanner to the least of the stand I will do a few meetings here and there.

"I'm happy to take open bookings and maybe do 10-15 throughout the year, but that's all really.

"I plan to do some just to keep my hand in and enjoy myself."

Promoted team stand in the way

BETTER weather means BETTER weather means Walsall hope to resume their Midlands One West rugby campaign on Saturday when they travel to Ludlow.

Walsall will face a team trying hard to establish themselves at this level after gaining promotion at the start of the season.

Walsall were severely tested before scoring late tries when the teams met at Delves Road last October.

But Steve Halbert's men

But Steve Halbert's men will be keen to come away will be keen to come away from Shropshire with a win at they try to maintain their challenge for a top three position.

The postponed match against Halesonians has now been scheduled for Feb-ruary 25.

Hockey club's training offer

BLOXWICH Hockey Club is offering training in a bid to bring in new juniors.

The sessions will be on the artificial pitches at Sneyd School from 11am to noon on Saturday.

on Saturday.

Training will be taken by a qualified coach. Anyone interested should contact Nic Shutt-Nullis on 07588 589148 or Hayley Scott on 07761 348841.

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Rachel Unitt meets some children in The Gambia

Rachel on treadmill to joy

mill led to a sporting trip for Walsall-born football star Rachel Unitt.

The left-back has just completed a switch from Everton Ladies to Birmingham City Ladies.

ingham City Ladies.

But a chat in the gym with Wendy Savory, of Thomas Cook Airline's cabin crew, saw her go further afield.

The sports star was so touched by what she heard of charity work that she agreed to go on the next Thomas Cook Airlines trip to help distribute essential gifts.

Thomas Cook staff and Unitt got together to downt and deliver clothes together to downt and deliver clothes.

Thomas Cook staff and Unitt got together to donate and deliver clothes and sports goods to the children of

Buba Jarju School in Serrekuda, The Gambia, last week.

Unitt – naturally – also took time out to give some football coaching.

Savory said: "My colleagues and I have made several trips, taking basic items many children take for granted.

"Thomas Cook Airlines is also supporting us by allowing us to take all these things over free of charge."

Unitt, who took shorts, T-shirts and jumpers for all 200 children at the school said: "I am so grateful to all the businesses and sporting organisations for their support and generosity in bringing this campaign to life.
"I had an amazing time, the kids

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The drive for donations was kicked off by a poster campaign by the pupils at The Shepshed Centre, Walsall.

at The Shepshed Centre, Walsall.
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Ladies Team; Pulse Gym, Wednesbury,
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West Midlands-based Bahndal
Dentist Practice also supplied toothpaste and toothbrushes to help keep
the children smiling.

Harrsion loses and hangs up his gloves

thechronicle

WOLVERHAMPTON'S Dean Harrison has retired from boxing after his Prizefighter dream was abruptly halted in the first round of his opening bout against John Watson.

John Watson.

Bookies favourite Adil
Anwar, the English welterweight champion, walked
away with the trophy and
£32,000 grand prize at
Wolverhampton Civic Hall
on Saturday night, writes
Craig Birch.
Anwar could be pitted
against Dudley's Jason
Welborn, the Midlands welterweight title holder, later
this year but Harrison

this year but Harrison insists he has hung up his gloves after his latest setback.

setback.

The 28-year-old's mind just did not appear to be on the job after he became a father for the first time the

father for the first time the previous Saturday.
His son, Dustin, is stable but still in New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton, after arriving three months prematurely and Harrison has been by his side ever since.

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Never

'Deano' was left to reflect 'Deano' was left to reflect on a career that brought challenges to the British and English titles, a spell as Midlands champion and two fights in Las Vegas. He said: "There's no comebacks or anything, I will never, ever box again. "I am not making excuses, I have a beautiful little boy now and I want to be there for him and be able to talk to him as he grows up.

him as he grows up.
"I am not going anywhere,

anyway, I am not going to get offered the opportunities so, for me, there's no point in

offer me, there's no point in carrying on.
"What I have achieved over the last six years means everything to me and that's what I will take from it."
Harrison had already been put down once when referee John Keane called a halt just one minute and 40 seconds into the contest.
Coseley's welterweight Tommy Ghent went the distance with the slippery William Warburton and just came out on top. came out on top.

Results

Quarter-finals: Young Mutley beat
Mark Lloyd 30-27, 28-29, 30-7,
Yrone Nurse beat Dale Miles – third
round stoppags; Adil Anwar beat Barry
Watson beat Dean Harrison – first
round stoppage.
Semi-finals: Nurse beat Mutley 2928, 29-28, 29-28, Anwar beat Watson
30-27, 30-27, 30-27, 30-27, 30-27,
72-29-28, Wara beat Nurse 30-28, 3077, 29-28, Prizefighter Prospect contests:

27, 29-28.

Prizefighter Prospect contests:
Ryan Aston beat Kieron Gray - first
round stoppage; Tommy Ghent beat
William Warburton 40-36.

Sacked after defeat, demos and apology

Wolves 1 Albion 5

A CRUSHING defeat at the hands of their local rivals sealed the fate of manager Mick McCarthy.

The abject display even brought a public apology from the Wolves boss for the performance, writes Tim Nash.

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But his "sorry" after Sunday's game was not enough to save his job – or erase the pain of this humiliation for thousands of angry, disenchanted Wolves fans.

It's been more than a decade since we last saw fans demonstrating outside the ground, when Sir Jack Hayward was spat at.

The nature and magnitude of this thoroughly depressing setback was the trigger for hundreds to gather around the Billy Wright statue after the game and chant for the head of the manager. the head of the manager.

the head of the manager.

There were still fans singing 'We want
McCarthy out' more than an hour after the
final whistle. One day later they got their
wish. It was a black day in the history of
Wolverhampton Wanderers and a new low
for McCarthe

Trouble

Any defeat hurts, and a loss to Albion deepens the pain. But the manner of this capitulation – to employ the term used by McCarthy afterwards – cast a huge cloud

As Albion tore Wolves apart, there was the

As Albion tore Wolves apart, there was the depressing sight of fans remonstrating angrily with people in the directors' box.

Trouble on and off the pitch, and it all led to the departure of a manager who was firmly entrenched in the deepest crisis of his reign. He has done a remarkable job over the last five-and-a-half years. It's difficult to imagine anyone getting more effort and commitment out of the players.

A more honourable man of more integrity you couldn't wish to find. At his press conference afterwards, he vowed to fight on, convinced he was still the man to ride the storm and lead Wolves to safety. But chair-



Mick McCarthy feels the pressure

man Steve Morgan clearly decided McCarthy's presence had become counter-productive.

It seems there were a growing number of fans waiting to see him fail, and it is against that backdrop of discontent that Morgan had to weigh up whether his manager's time

However, the fans' sniping at Morgan on Sunday about where he can stick his execu-tive houses suggests the fans don't lay the blame squarely at the manager's door

blame squarely at the manager's door.
The defeat dropped Wolves back into the
Premier League relegation zone, on goal difference. This time last season, they were
bottom and two points from safety after
beating Manchester United, with three
more points than they have now.
But it's difficult to think the Wolves team
of last season would fold like this.
That they had dragged themselves level

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by half-time courtesy of Steven Fletcher's fantastically executed 10th goal of the season was a travesty after a truly awful first half. Wayne Hennessey made four fine saves before being wrong-footed by Dave Edwards' deflection off Peter Odenwingie's low shot after he cut inside Matt Jarvis after 25 minutes.

35 minutes.

Wolves started the second half well and Fletcher was inches away from giving them the lead only for his shot to deflect just wide off Jonas Olsson. Hennessey then undid his good work by dropping Olsson's routine shot to give Albion a 64th-minute lead.

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Wolves went close again when Ben Foster
made a superb reflex save from Fletcher's
towering header before a similar effort from
Roger Johnson was headed onto the bar by
Youssouf Mulumbu.

But, in between, the alarm bells were beginning to ring loudly as Kevin Foley

A brief respite for Wolves as Steven Fletcher drags them level just before half-time

cleared off the line from Odemwingie. And from then on, Wolves were simply crushed. More catastrophic defending allowed Odemwingie his second and Albion's third on 77 when he slid the ball nome after Liam

on 77 when he slid the ball home after Liam Ridgewell's header and Olsson's backheel following James Morrison's corner.

Everything that could have gone wrong did as old boy Keith Andrews drove home a fourth five minutes from time after Morrison skipped past Stephen Ward and crossed, followed by Odemwingie completing his hattish from a local market 28 controls.

followed by Odemwingie completing his hat-trick from close range on 88 minutes. McCarthy gambled by playing three strik-ers from the start and it left Wolves woefully exposed in midfield, where they couldn't keep the ball and were left chasing shadows. If ever there was a game crying out for Karl Henry and Emmanuel Frimpong, then this was it. But Wolves had to battle on without their two central midfielders.

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Death of former athletics club chief

A WALSALL butcher who became chairman of Wolver-hampton & Bilston Athletics Club and founded the city's popular Turkey Trot has died. Ted Bradley was 78. He was chairman of the club from the early 1980s to

1991.

The grandfather was a long distance runner but his former colleagues said his real strength lay in keeping the team happy and united.

Mr Bradley, lived in Lichefield Road, Bloxwich, and owned a butcher's shop in Walsall.

Club secretary Ken Evans said: "Ted was a long distance runner and he liked to hit the road with the lads. "And, because he was a

hit the road with the lads.

"And, because he was a butcher, he launched the Turkey Trot race in 1985.
"It still takes place every December but it was Ted who instigated it. He supplied the turkeys and everyone who ran got a 4lb bird."

The race takes place at Aldersley Leisure Village although these days each runner gets a turkey breast.

Mr Evans said: "Ted became a life member of the club in 1983. He was there when we were top of the

when we were top of the British Athletics League for eight years from 1979."

Okoro sets sights on new record

WALSALL'S Efekomo Okoro raced to victory in the 400m race of the annual Inter-Varsity Challenge at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham.

The 19-year-old also won the guest 60-metre race in just 7.25 seconds last week to add to his 50.44 seconds 400m triumph.

The former Birchfield The former Birchfield Harrier is now a biomedical science student at Brunel University in London and was representing his place of education.

The Inter-Varsity Challenge brings together the five most successful athletics universities in Birmingham, Brunel, Loughborough, Bath and Cardiff.

And Okoro. who is

And Okoro, who is coached by Simon Duberley, already has sights set on his next target for success, after

next target for success, after a winning return to competing in the West Midlands.

He added: "It was really uplifting having the Brunel supporters behind me and, this year, I am intent on breaking 47 seconds over 400m outdoors."



Former Wolves striker Don Goodman

Only hope is the strugglers

FORMER Wolves striker Don Goodman fears the club will struggle for Premier League survival, despite the decision to sack Mick McCarthy.

The ex-Molineux and Walsall forward believes his former club are in line to be relegated regardless of the man in charge because of the desperate run of results that led to McCarthy's sacking. sacking.

The former boss left on Monday with his side in the

by Steve Madeley

bottom three on goal difference with just 21 points from 25 games. Goodman is concerned for the rest of the season, irrespective of who wins the race to success McCarthy.

Signal

He said: "The board of directors have sent a signal by changing the manager that something

needs to change and it wasn't a major surprise with the results they've been having, especially in the derby on Sunday.

"But I think they are in a real predicament. I don't think you could bring in Sir Alex Ferguson, Jose Mourinho, Pep Guardiola or all three at the same time and expect them to turn things around automatically.

"With the greatest of respect, they are going to have to work with the same players who have

been there all season. People will hope that a change of voice does the trick but I do have some serious doubts about whether that will be enough. If you asked me whether Woives can get to 40 points I would have to say 'no'.

"The one hope you would give them is that if there's one year when they might not need 40 points to stay up this could be it because there are four other teams down there struggling badly too."

Tyne Tees boxers too canny for the lads

JAMES BEECH and George

JAMES BEECH and George Battenbough bowed out of the ABA Schoolboys national championships in the quarter-finals last weekend.

Beech, the Brownhills Comprehensive School pupil from Pleck ABC, lost the last two rounds and the contest to High Fell ABC's Jeffrey Nesham on Sunday afternoon, writes Craig Birch.

And the previous day Aston ABC's Battenbough brought his first year in the competition to an end with defeat to the talented Peter Smith, of Darlington ABC.

The Manchester Boxing

The Manchester Boxing Centre of Excellence staged Centre of Excellence staged the event for the second weekend running as the Midlands Counties went up against the Tyne, Tees and Wear region.

Unsure

In Class Three – boxers
born in 1997 – Beech faced
Nesham in a cagey bout at
48kg that eventually went
against him by a point, 7-6.
The two were level after
the first round, 1-1, and
Nesham appeared to be
unsure whether he had
taken the second session but
he had, 3-2.

he had, 3-2. That made Nesham come That made Nesham come forward in round three and, although his punches weren't always accurate, it was enough to convince the judges to hand him the result.

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Battenbough was already out after his undefeated record went with a loss to Smith in Class One - boxers born in 1999 - at 38kg.

The Cardinal Wiseman School student has been a slow starter this year and found himself down after the first two rounds, 5-1 and 12-3.

12-3.
Battenbough picked up in the last session but the judges still gave Smith the round and the contest by a harsh score of 17-3.

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McCARTHY IS AXED AFTER DERBY LOSS

MICK McCARTHY was sacked as Wolves manager this week as club chairman Steve Morgan said the board had "little or no choice".

The blow fell on Monday, the day after the team suffered their biggest Black Country derby home defeat in 50 years, a 5-1 thrasing by Albion. The club took the "difficult decision" to terminate his contract, which came after a poor run of results left them facing relegation.

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Pressure on the boss, who
is expected to leave with a
£1m compensation payout,
reached a critical point with
the humiliating Molineux
loss to the Baggies.

But Wolves' previous
alarming sequence of results
after early-season optimism
– just 14 points from the previous possible 66 – was the
main concern for club owner
Morgan and chief executive
Jez Moxey.
Morgan said: "I'm afraid
the board thought we had
little or no choice.

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"Mick and I have had several conversations in recent weeks. He's a good guy and the decision was taken regretfully, but results have not been good enough this season.

"We need to pick ourselves up and be aiming up the league and, hopefully, that's what the new man will take us forward with."

The Albion defeat marked the beginning of a dramatic 24 hours, with 53-year-old McCarthy being forced to apologise to angry fans for the "disgraceful" display.

On Sunday afternoon Moxey and Morgan, who was skiing in Europe, soke on

skiing in Europe, spoke on the phone about McCarthy's future.

Moxey then appeared to hint that evening that

by Tim Nash

McCarthy's position would be safe in the short term, saying the club would use the two-week break before its next game to "regroup". But at 7am on Monday he

But at 7am on Monday he arrived at his office at Molineux and spoke to Morgan again when the decision was made to dismiss McCarthy. A short time later Moxey went to see McCarthy at the Compton Park training ground and delivered the news.

Just before 11am, Wolves announced he would be leav-

announced he would be leaving with immediate effect.
The club said in a statement: "The board would like to place on record their sincere thanks and appreciation to Mick McCarthy and he leaves with the very best wishes of everyone connected to the club."

Minutes later, Moxey left the training ground in his Jaguar.

Jaguar.

He said later: "We have been on a journey for the last five-and-half-years of out-standing success – more than this club has seen in a generation and we achieved our objectives

Midfielder Jamie O'Hara used Twitter to write: "Gutted to see Mick go."

Football star shows Unitt-y on her travels



England women's football star Rachel Unitt is on the move. The Walsall-born left-back has clinched a switch from Everton Ladies to Birmingham City Ladies – and also ended up in The Gambia. Full story – Page 43

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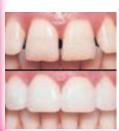
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